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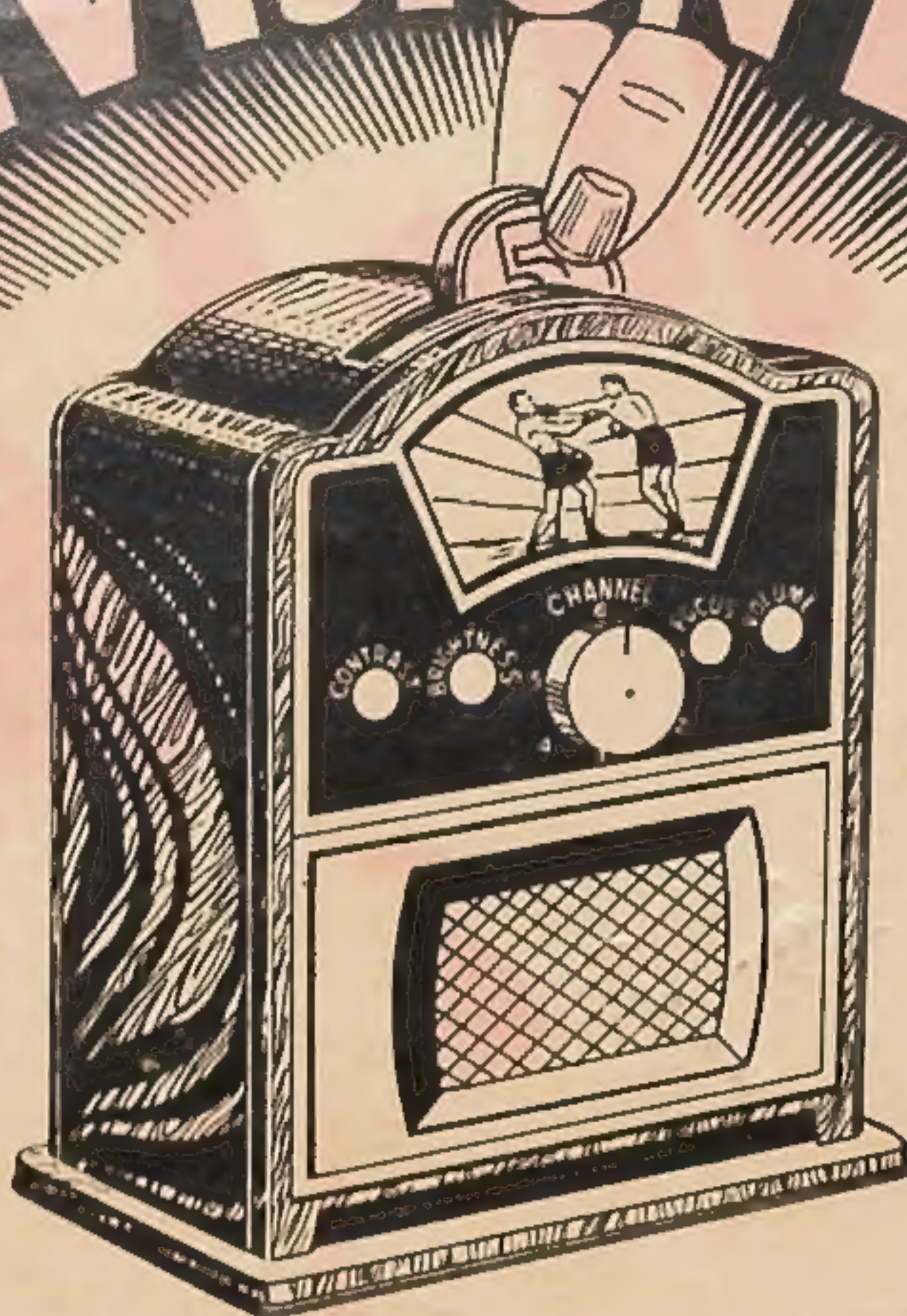
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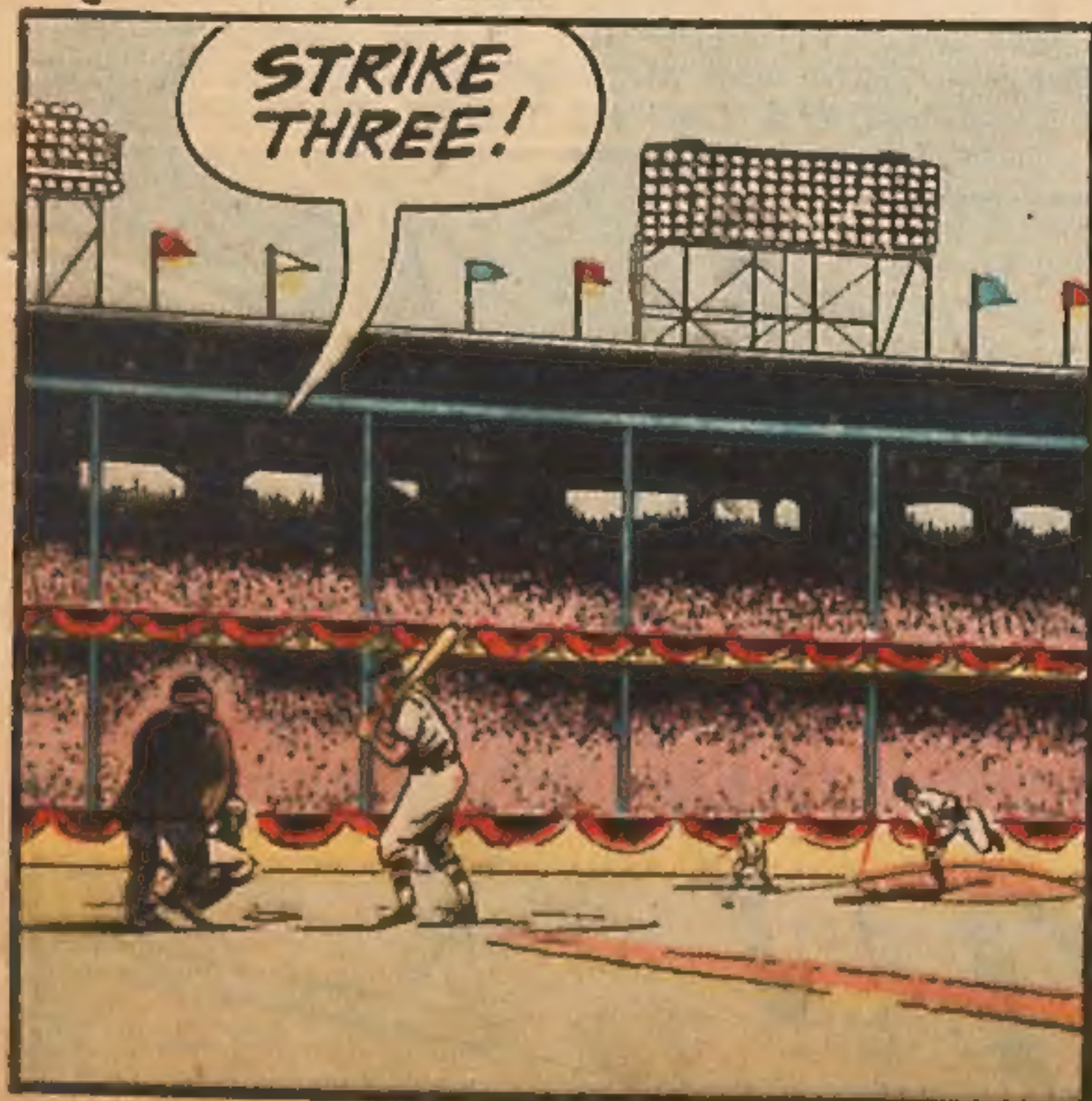
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THE BIGGEST MAN
IN HIS LEAGUE IN 1952,
ROBERT SCHANTZ
OF THE PHILADELPHIA
ATHLETICS IS ONE OF
THE SMALLEST MEN IN
BASEBALL! A LIVING TESTI-
MONIAL TO THE FACT THAT IT
TAKES MORE THAN MERE
PHYSICAL SIZE TO BE A
"GIANT" AMONG BASEBALL'S
GREATS, BOBBY HAS MADE
HIMSELF INTO THE
FINEST PITCHER IN THE
AMERICAN LEAGUE...!

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IN THE ALL-STAR GAME OF 1952, BOBBY
SCHANTZ WENT IN TO PITCH AGAINST STAN
("THE MAN") MUSIAL —



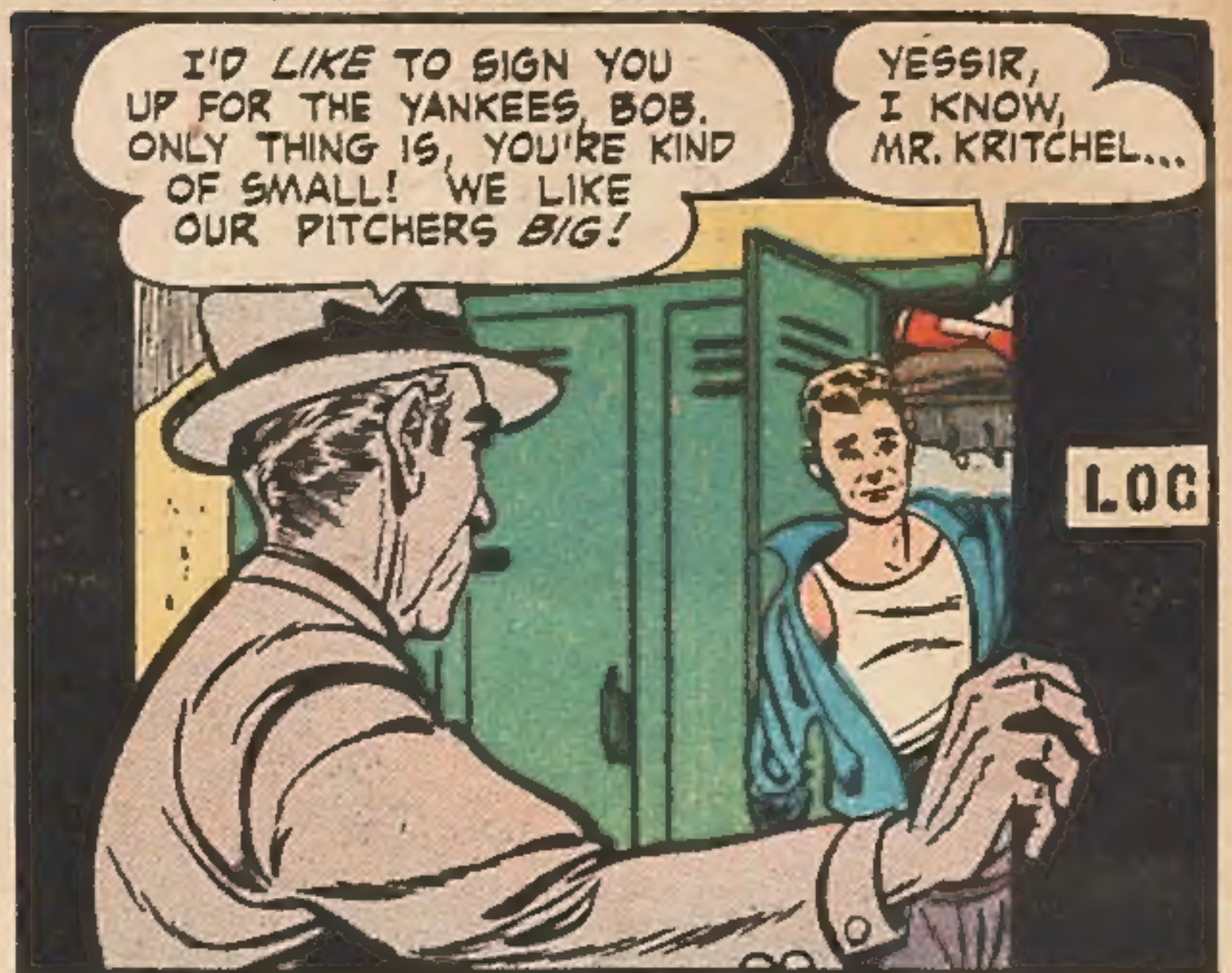
AGAINST JACKIE ROBINSON —



HIS NEXT VICTIM WAS "WHITEY" LOCKMAN, OF THE N.Y. GIANTS! THREE OF THE GREATEST HITTERS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE HIS STRIKEOUT VICTIMS—ON ONLY THIRTEEN PITCHES!



THAT WAS 1952. BUT SOME YEARS BEFORE, WHEN A FAMOUS YANKEE SCOUT SAW BOBBY PITCH...



FOR SOME DAYS, THE GREAT SCOUT WRESTLED WITH HIS PROBLEM...



A MAJOR LEAGUER AT 25! HIS SIZE? FIVE FEET, SEVEN INCHES! LITTLE—BUT GREAT! BOBBY IS THE SON OF A FORMER SEMI-PRO BALL PLAYER FROM POTTS TOWN, PA... WHAT FIRST ATTRACTED SCOUTS, WHEN BOBBY WAS ONLY NINETEEN, WAS NOT HIS PITCHING—BUT HIS HITTING!



HE BANGED A TERRIFIC .485 IN THE QUAKER CITY LEAGUE!



HE NOT ONLY PITCHED—BUT PLAYED CENTER FIELD WHEN HIS TEAM HAD ANOTHER MOUNDSMAN WORKING! ALL THIS—FOR A LAD NO TALLER THAN 5 FEET 7 INCHES!



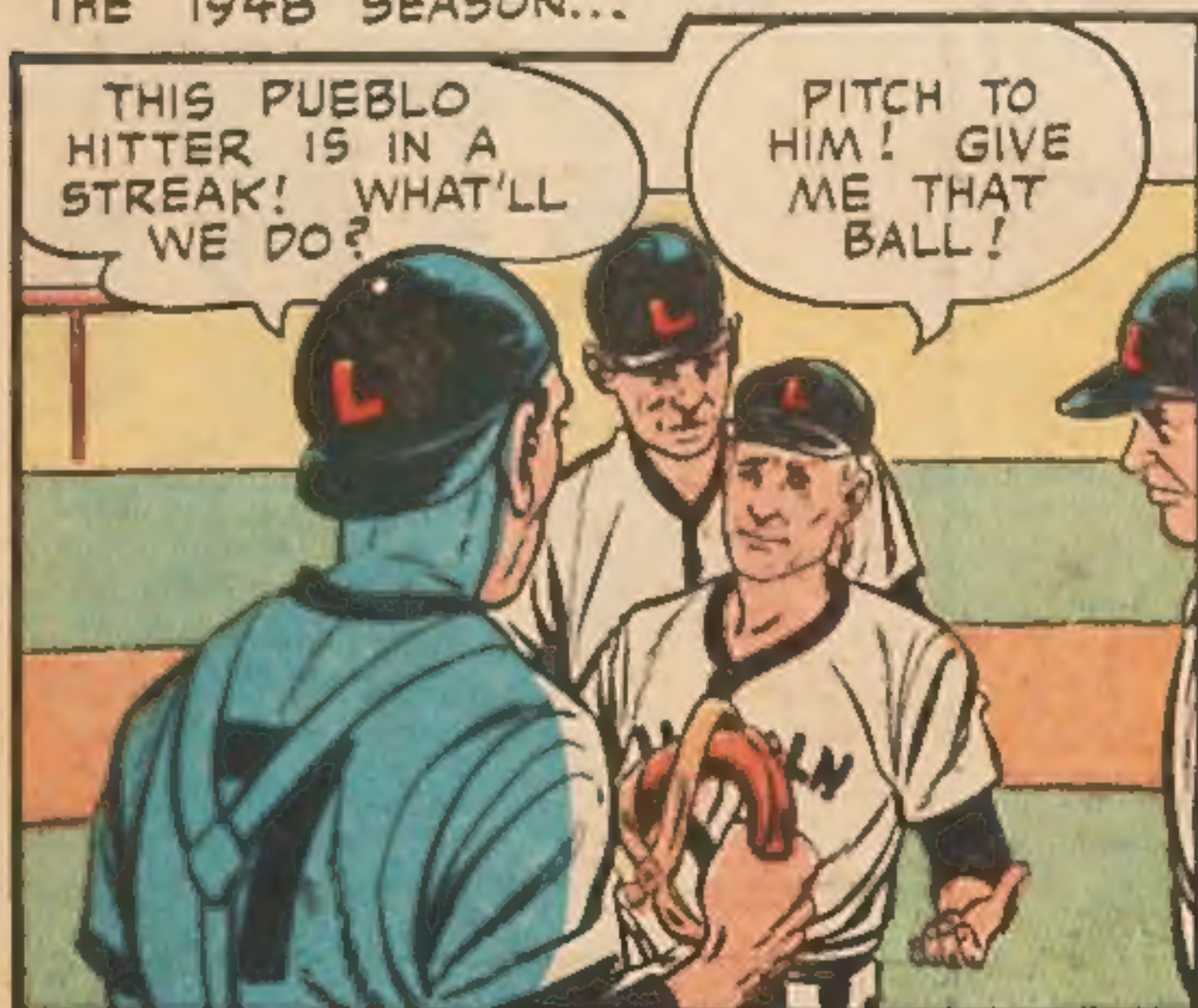
IN 1945 AND 1946, BOBBY SCHANTZ SERVED UNCLE SAM. BUT UPON HIS RELEASE FROM SERVICE IN 1947, HE BEGAN PITCHING IN THE QUAKER CITY LEAGUE, WHERE HE RANG UP A 14-0 PITCHING RECORD—AND HIT AN AMAZING .497!



BOBBY ALSO WON 8 GAMES FOR THE SOUDERTON TEAM OF THE EAST PENN. LEAGUE...



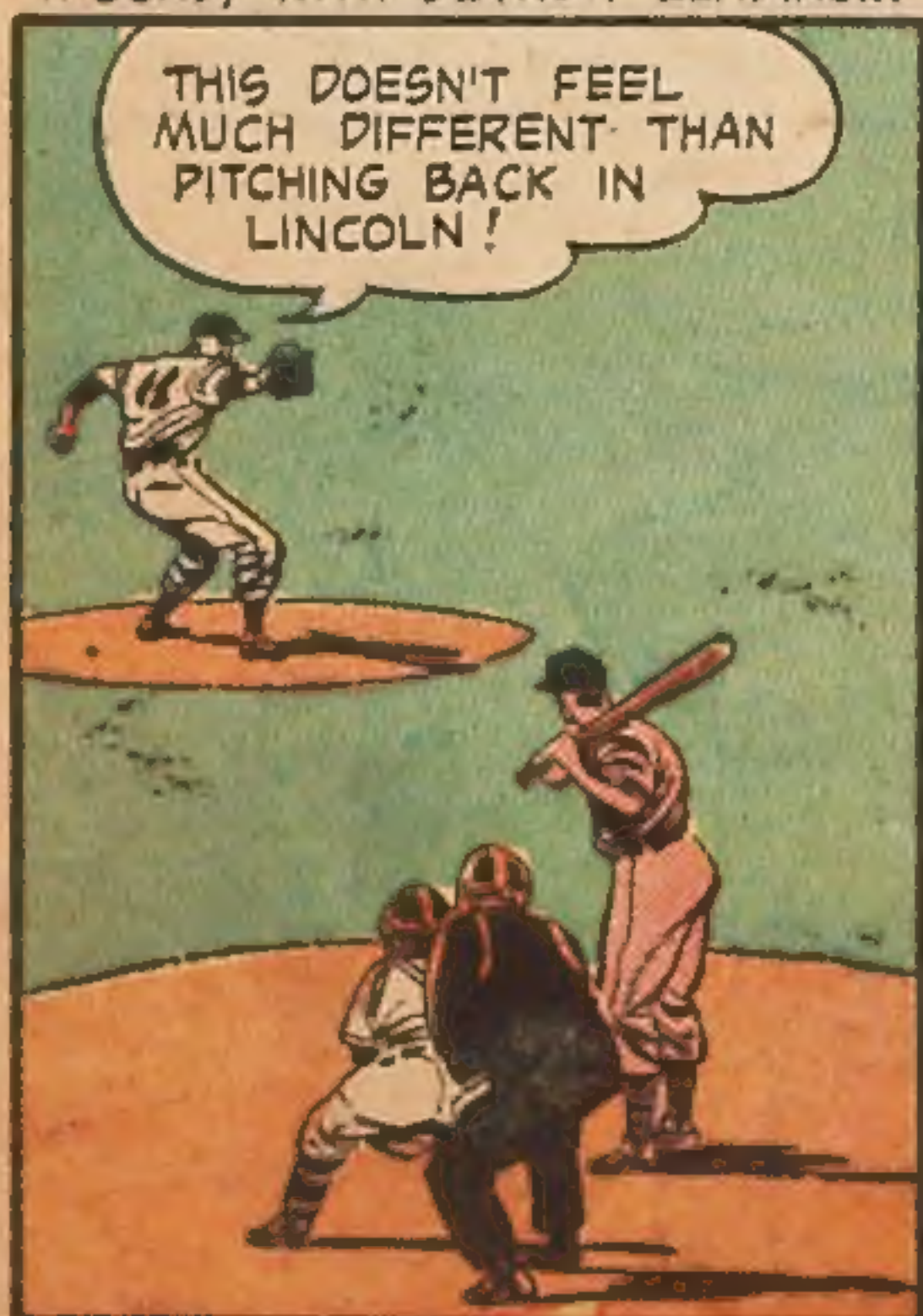
AFTER THE PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS SIGNED HIM, BOBBY SCHANTZ WENT TO THE A'S FARM TEAM IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, FOR THE 1948 SEASON...



IN 1949, BOBBY FINALLY CAME UP WITH THE HOME CLUB, THE A'S...



BOBBY'S FIRST BIG LEAGUE GAME! HE TAKES OVER ON THE MOUND, WITH DETROIT LEADING...



A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT BOBBY SCHANTZ IS THAT—IN HIS FIRST BIG LEAGUE APPEARANCE—HE HURLED **NINE INNINGS OF NO-HIT BALL!**



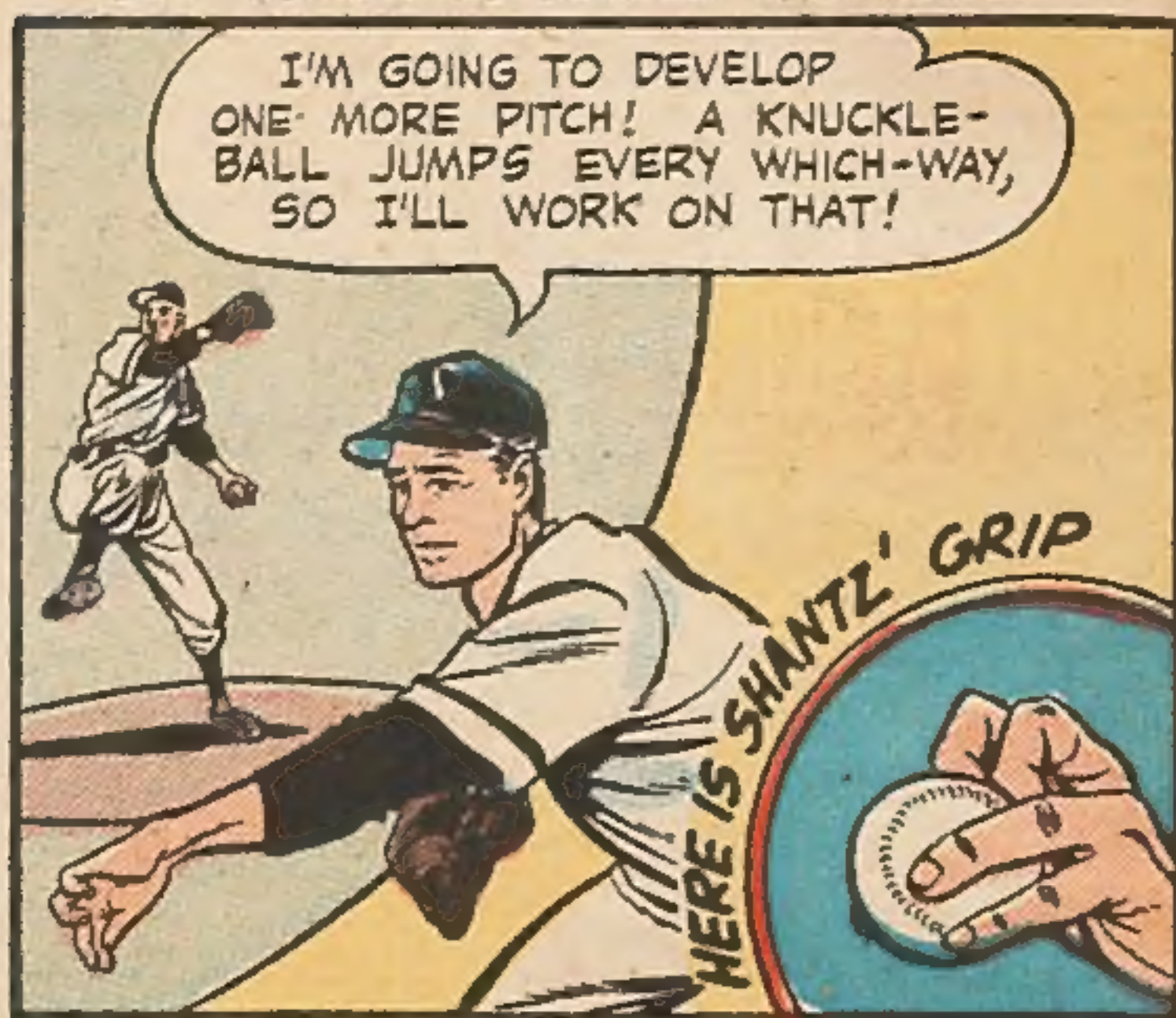
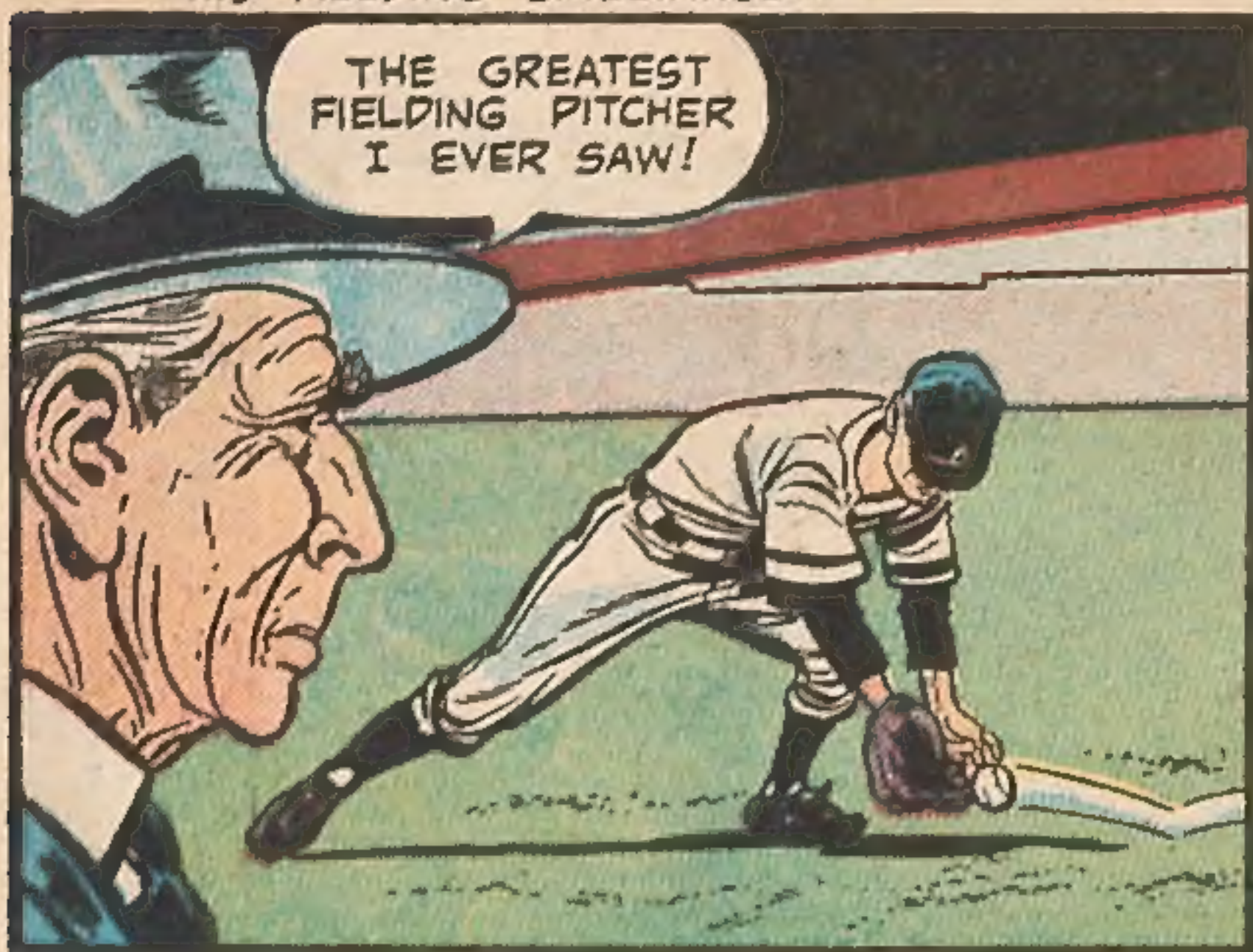
A TERRIFIC BEGINNING, BUT ONLY THAT. HIS OVERALL RECORD FOR 1949 WAS JUST SIX WON, EIGHT LOST. BUT BOBBY SCHANTZ WAS SHOWING SIGNS OF GREATNESS...



°ED. NOTE: "JUMBO" IS HIS TEAMMATE'S AFFECTIONATE NICKNAME FOR THE DIMINUTIVE SCHANTZ.

IN 1950 BOBBY WON ONLY 8 GAMES WHILE LOSING 14, BUT HE WAS MAKING EVERYONE MARVEL WITH HIS FIELDING BRILLIANCE...

HIS CONTROL ALWAYS WAS GOOD, AND HIS CURVE AND FAST BALL WERE ACCEPTABLE, BUT SOMETHING SEEMED LACKING...



HOW WELL BOBBY WORKED CAN BE SEEN FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE 1951 SEASON UNTIL ITS END. IN THAT TIME, BOBBY WON TEN GAMES AND LOST ONLY 2—WITH THE LOWLY ATHLETICS!

BOBBY WAS NOW READY FOR THE 1952 SEASON! HIS 1.51 EARNED RUN AVERAGE IN THE LAST HALF OF THE '51 SEASON SHOWED WHAT HE COULD DO...

1952 WAS BOBBY SCHANTZ'S YEAR! HE WON ELEVEN GAMES IN A ROW...



HE WON 24 GAMES FOR THE SEASON, WHILE LOSING ONLY 7—AND WAS AWARDED THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHY!

HIS MANAGER, JIMMY DYKES, SAYS THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WRONG WITH BOBBY SCHANTZ



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BASEBALL IS NOT ALWAYS A SERIOUS MATTER. OFTEN THERE IS REAL HUMOR IN THE WAY IT IS PLAYED— AS WITNESS THESE OFF-BEAT DOINGS AT EBBETTS FIELD...

THE DAFFY DODGERS

IN 1924, WHEN THE DODGERS WERE MAKING A FIGHT FOR THE PENNANT UNDER UNCLE ROBBIE, AN OVERFLOW CROWD WAS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD. WHEN **ZACH WHEAT** OR **EDDIE BROWN, DODGER** OUTFIELDERS, HAD TO MAKE CATCHES, THE CROWD OPENED UP FOR THEM...



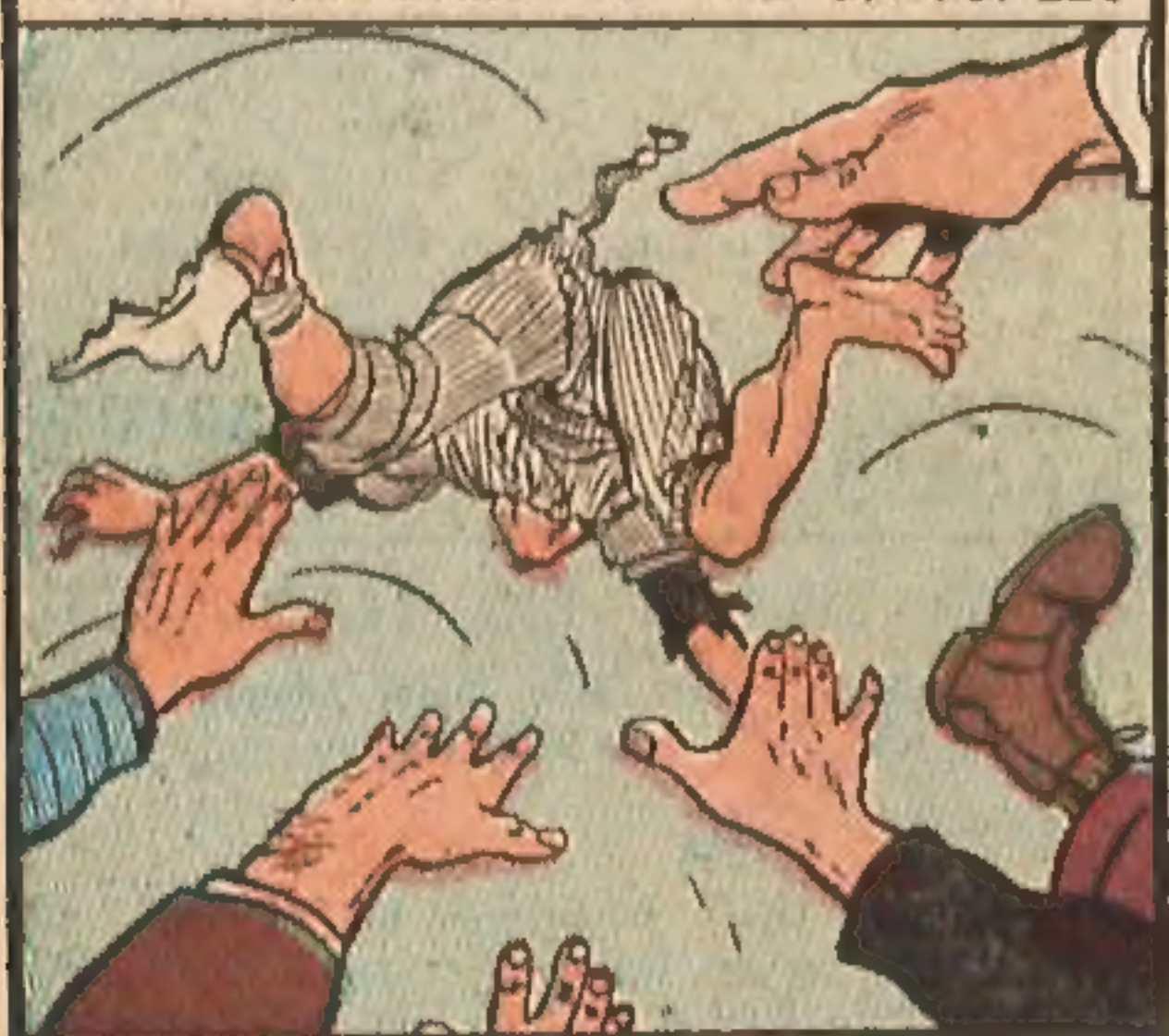
BUT WHEN **HACK WILSON** **GIANT** CENTERFIELDER, WENT INTO THE CROWD, IT CLOSED 'AROUND HIM...



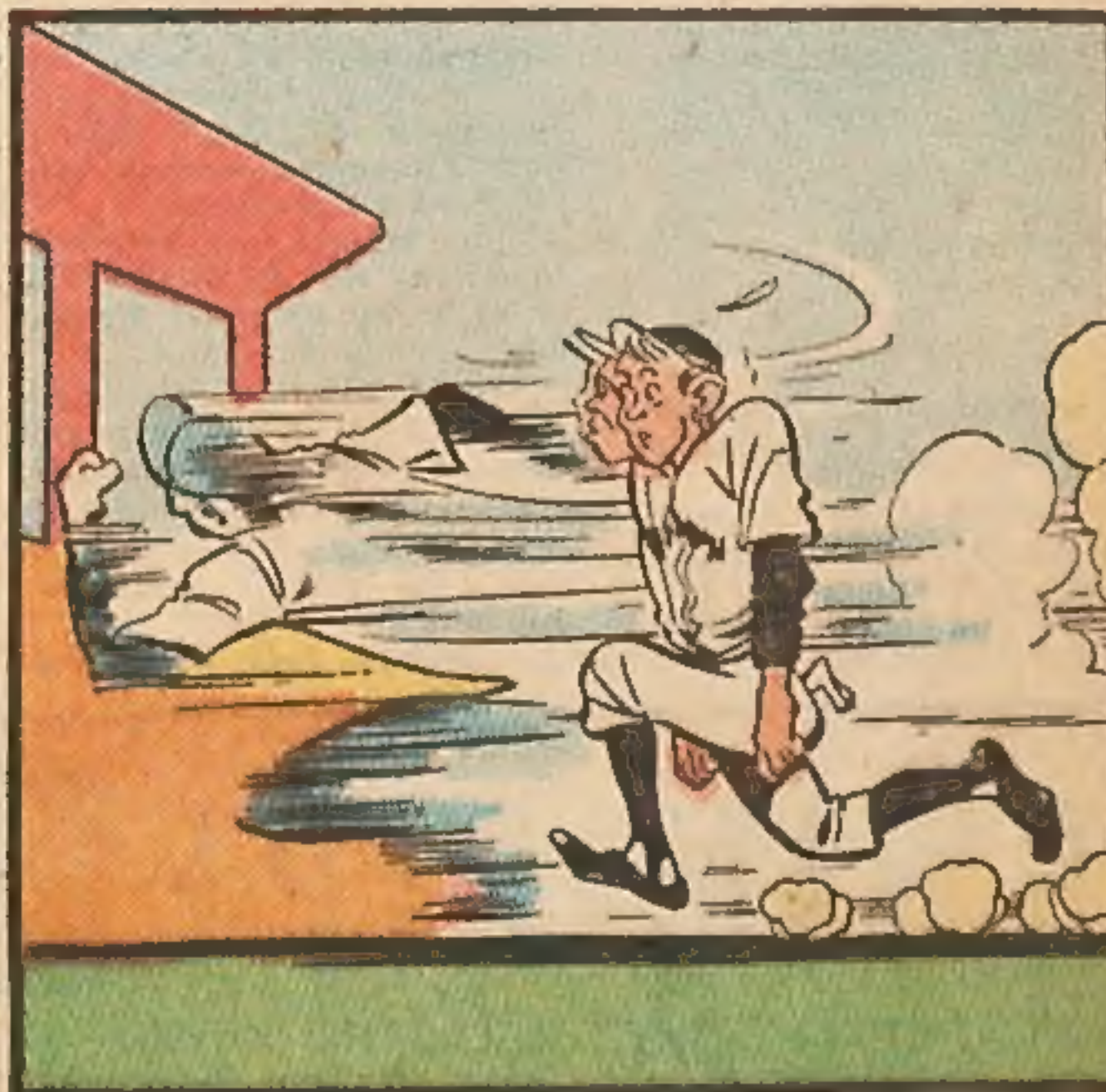
...OUT CAME HIS HAT AND FIELDER'S GLASSES...



...AND HACK SOON CAME TUMBLING AFTER! NOBODY EVER DID LEARN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BASEBALL!



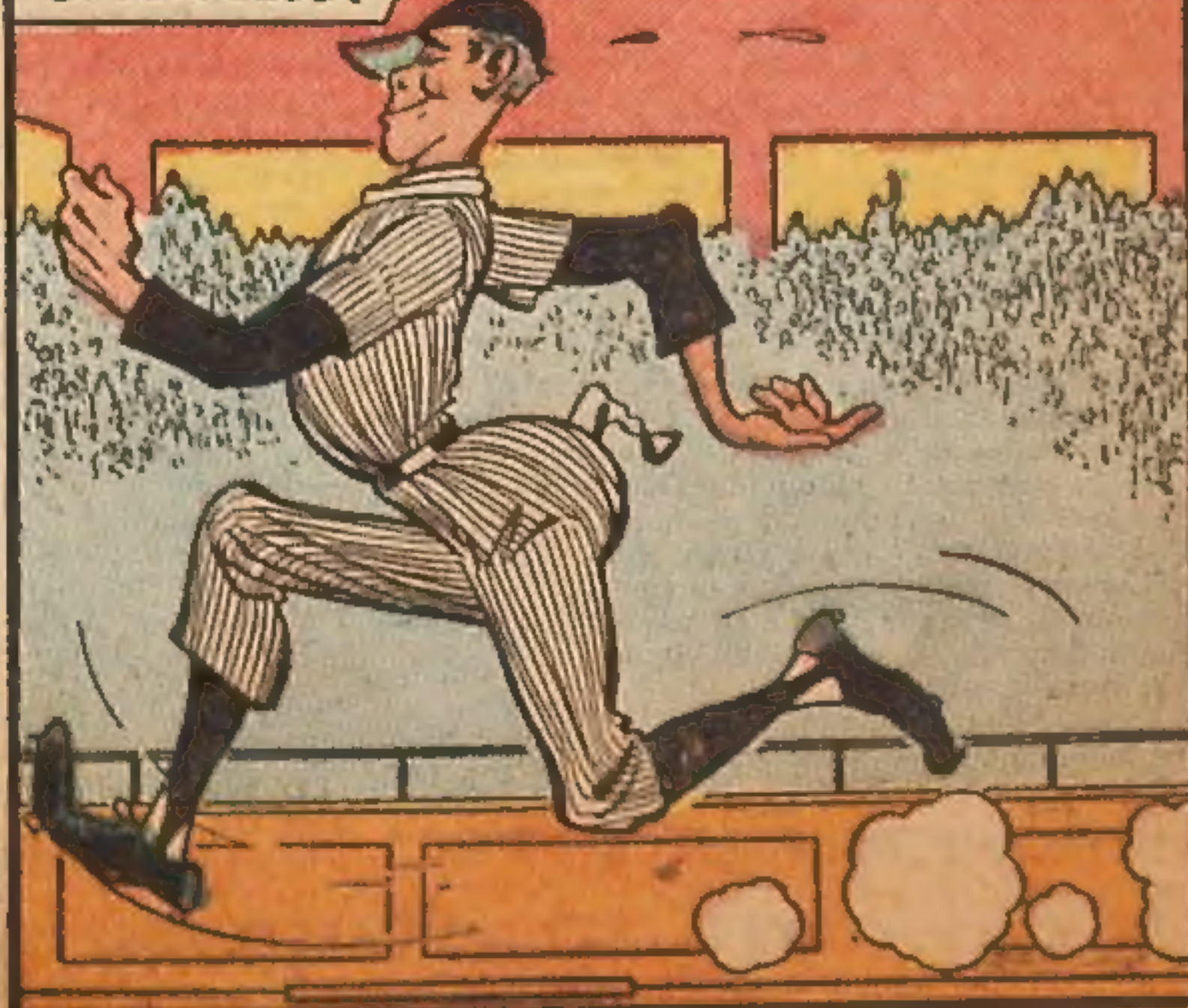
SOME YEARS LATER, IN 1930, THE DODGERS WERE PLAYING A MEMORIAL DAY DOUBLE-HEADER. WITH THE FABULOUS **BABE HERMAN** ON FIRST, **DEL BISONETTE** DROVE A BALL OVER THE RIGHT FIELD WALL. AS BABE JOGGED AROUND THE BASES, BISONETTE, NOT KNOWING THAT THE BALL WAS OVER THE FENCE, AND THINKING HE HAD TO "RUN OUT" HIS HIT, RAN RIGHT PAST HERMAN!



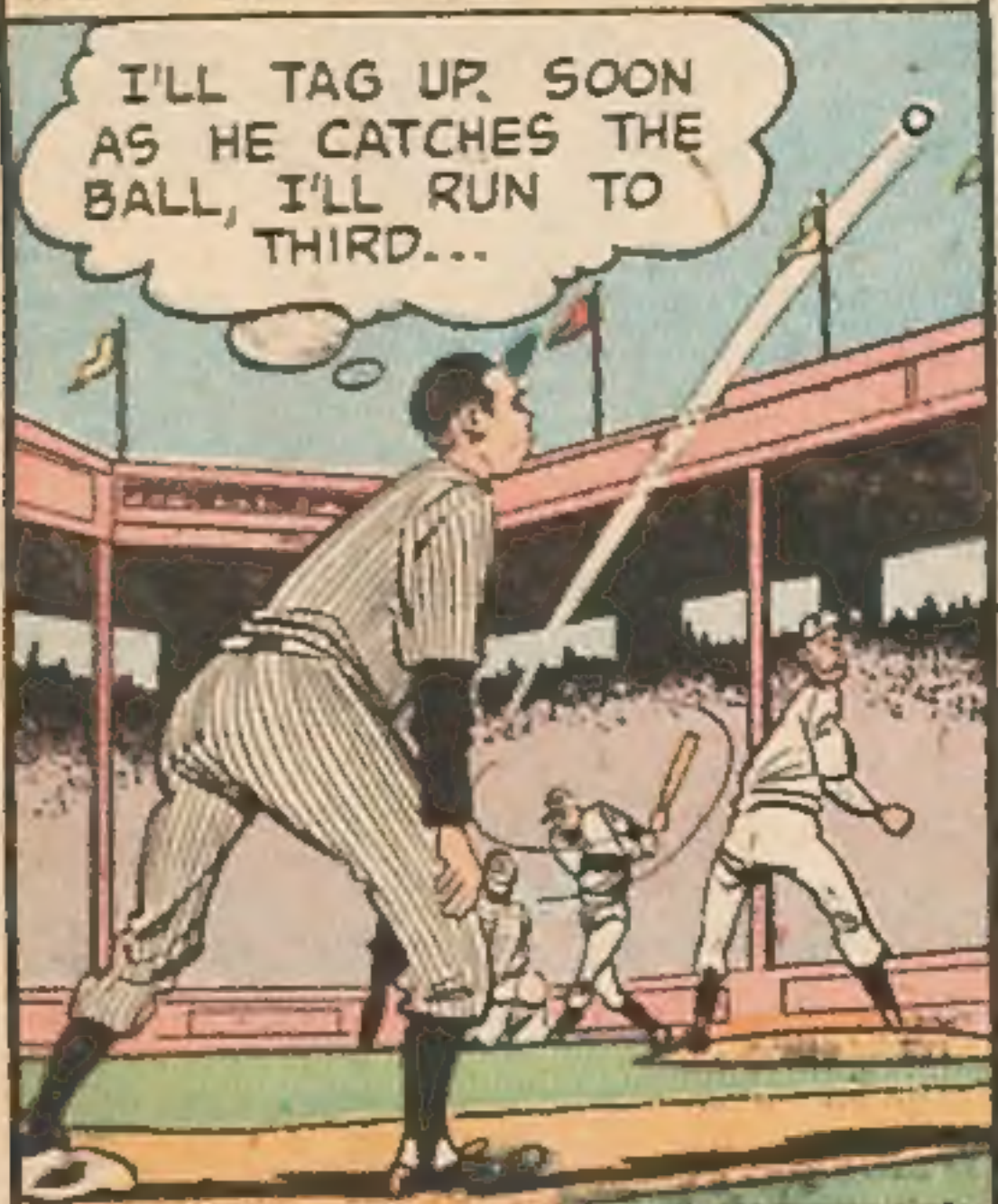
YOU'RE **OUT**— FOR PASSING THE BASERUNNER!



THE BABE? OH, HE KEPT RIGHT ON JOGGING, TO SCORE **ONE** RUN AS THE CROWD SAT SPEECHLESS!



A FEW DAYS LATER, BABE HERMAN WAS ON SECOND (HE ALWAYS GOT INVOLVED ON THE BASES, FOR SOME REASON) WHEN **GLENN WRIGHT** DROVE A HIGH FLY TO LEFT...



GLENN WRIGHT—KNOWING HE HAD A HIT—WENT TEARING PAST SECOND AND THE MOTIONLESS BABE—TO GET AS MANY BASES AS HE COULD ON HIS DRIVE...



AGAIN THERE WAS THE FAMILIAR CRY—

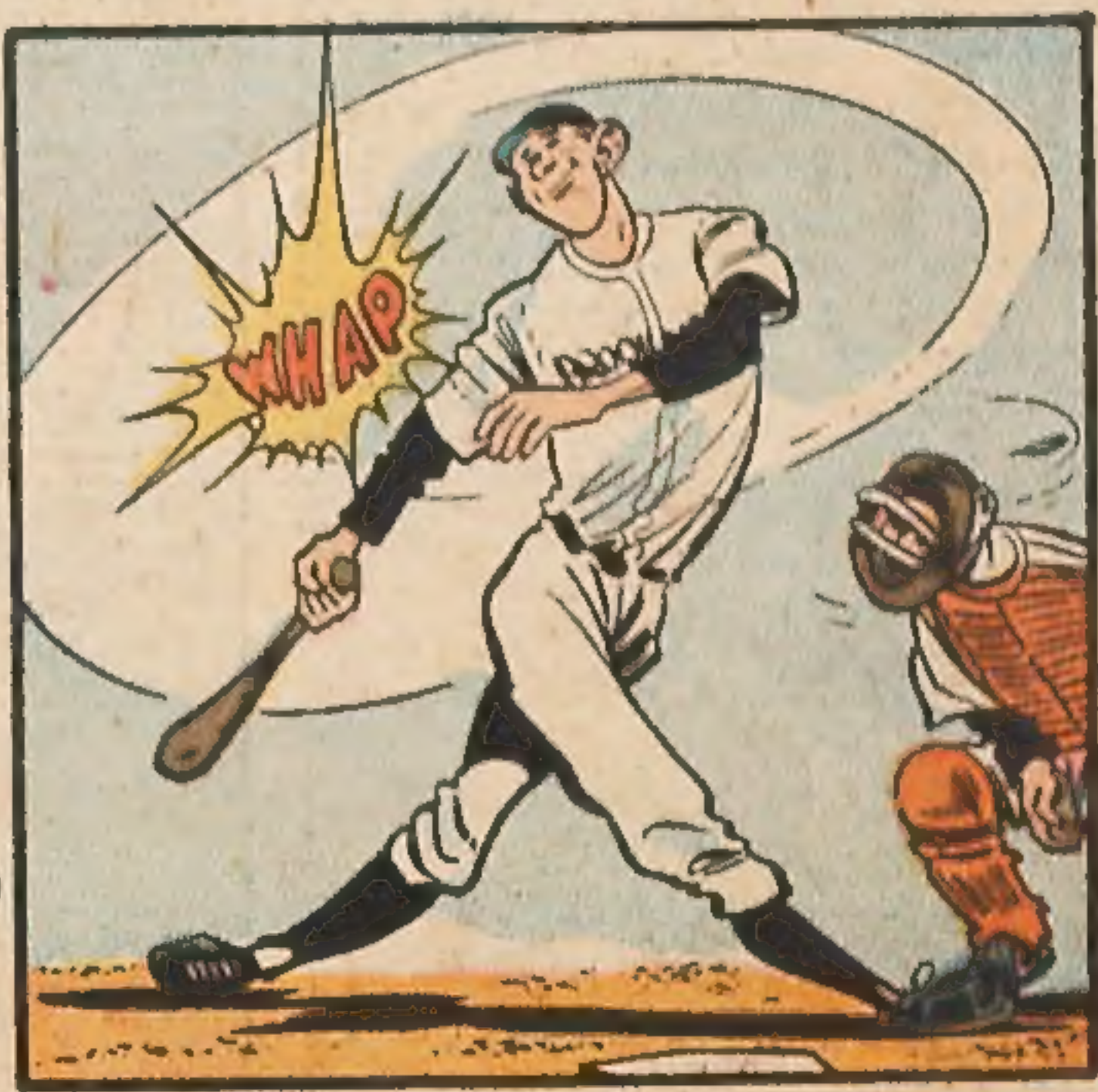
YOU HIT A **HOME RUN**, BUT YOU'RE **OUT** FOR RUNNING PAST THE BASE-RUNNER!



AND ONCE MORE, BABE HERMAN JOGGED HOME, AS THE SILENCE OF THE STUNNED FANS WASHED THE FIELD!



THIS ALSO HAPPENED AT THE HOME OF THE DODGERS: **CHICK FEWSTER** WAS ON BASE, AS WAS THE GREAT FIRE-BALL PITCHER, **DAZZY VANCE**. BABE HERMAN (WHO ELSE?) CAME TO BAT AND HIT A LONG DOUBLE. (THE BABE COULD ALWAYS SMACK 'EM!)



SOMEHOW, FEWSTER, VANCE AND HERMAN **ALL** WOUND UP ON **THIRD BASE**—WHERE THEY STOOD AS THEY WERE TAGGED OUT, ONE BY ONE! BABE'S **DOUBLE** TURNED OUT TO BE A **DOUBLE-PLAY!**



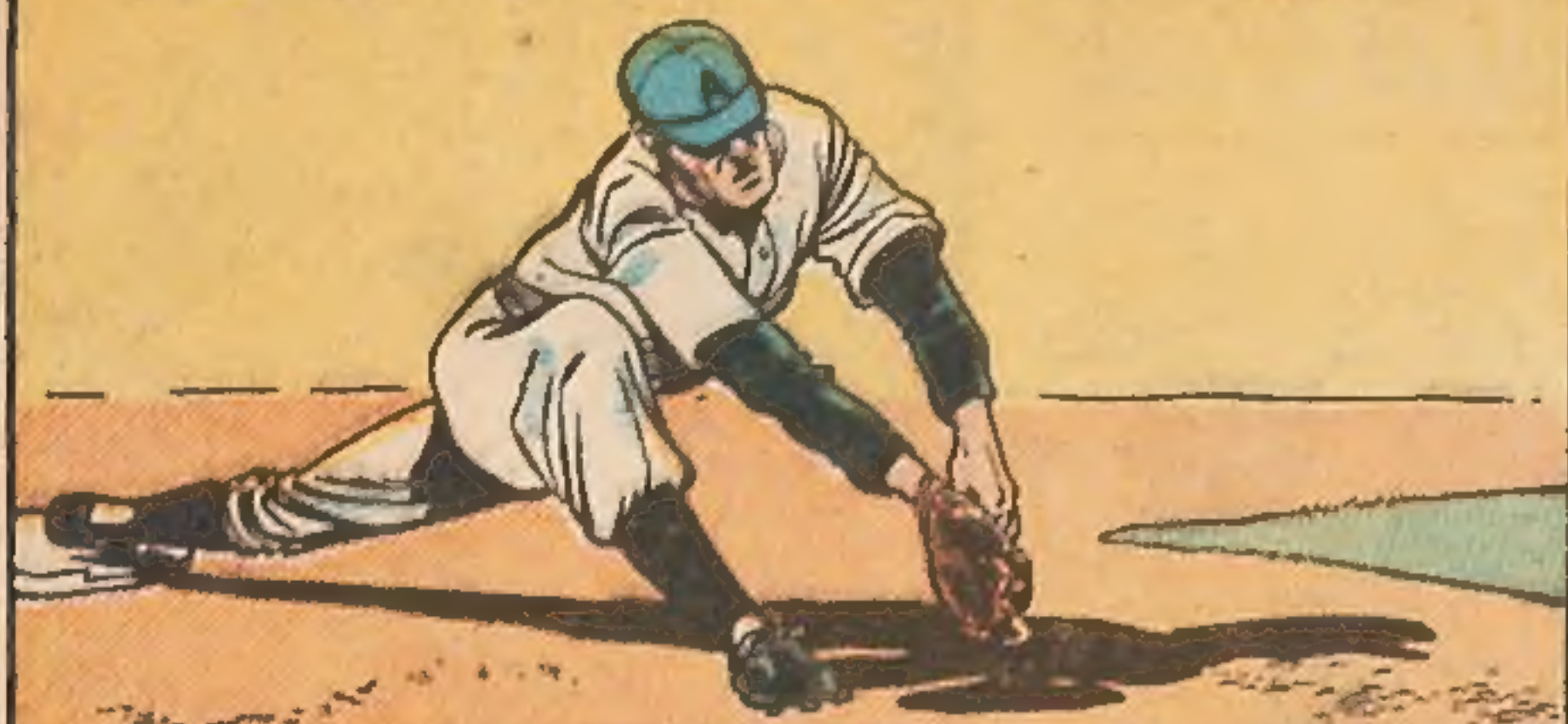
FOR A WHILE, BROOKLYN FANS TALKED LIKE THIS—

THE DODGERS HAVE THREE MEN ON BASE!

YEAH—BUT **WHICH** BASE?



HOW TO PLAY FIRST BASE

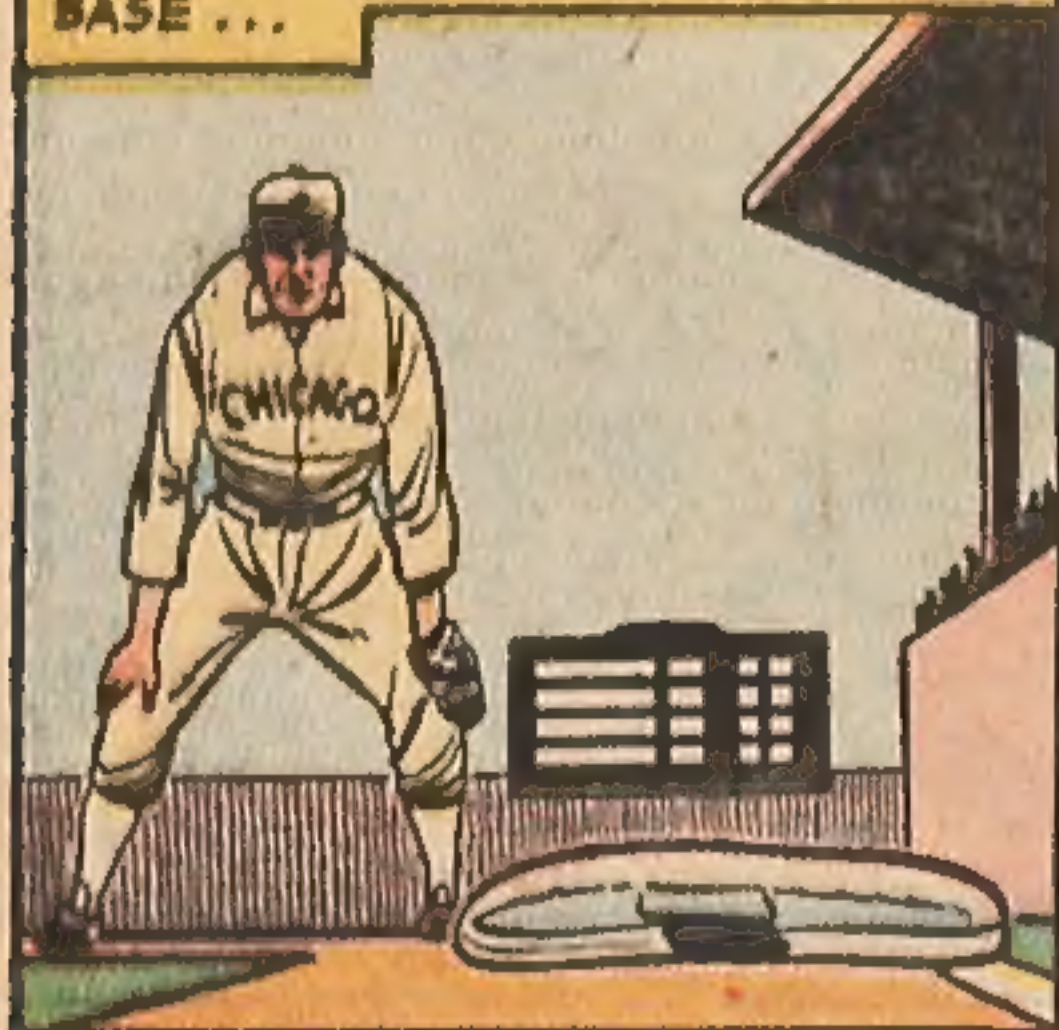


IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER A FIRST BASEMAN IS TALL — LIKE "LONG GEORGE" KELLY... OR SHORT LIKE "STUFFY" Mc INNIS. THESE FORMER N.Y. GIANTS AND PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS STARS WERE BRILLIANT GUARDIANS OF THE INITIAL SACK, THOUGH KELLY WAS WELL **OVER** SIX FEET, AND McINNIS WAS WELL **UNDER** SIX FEET...

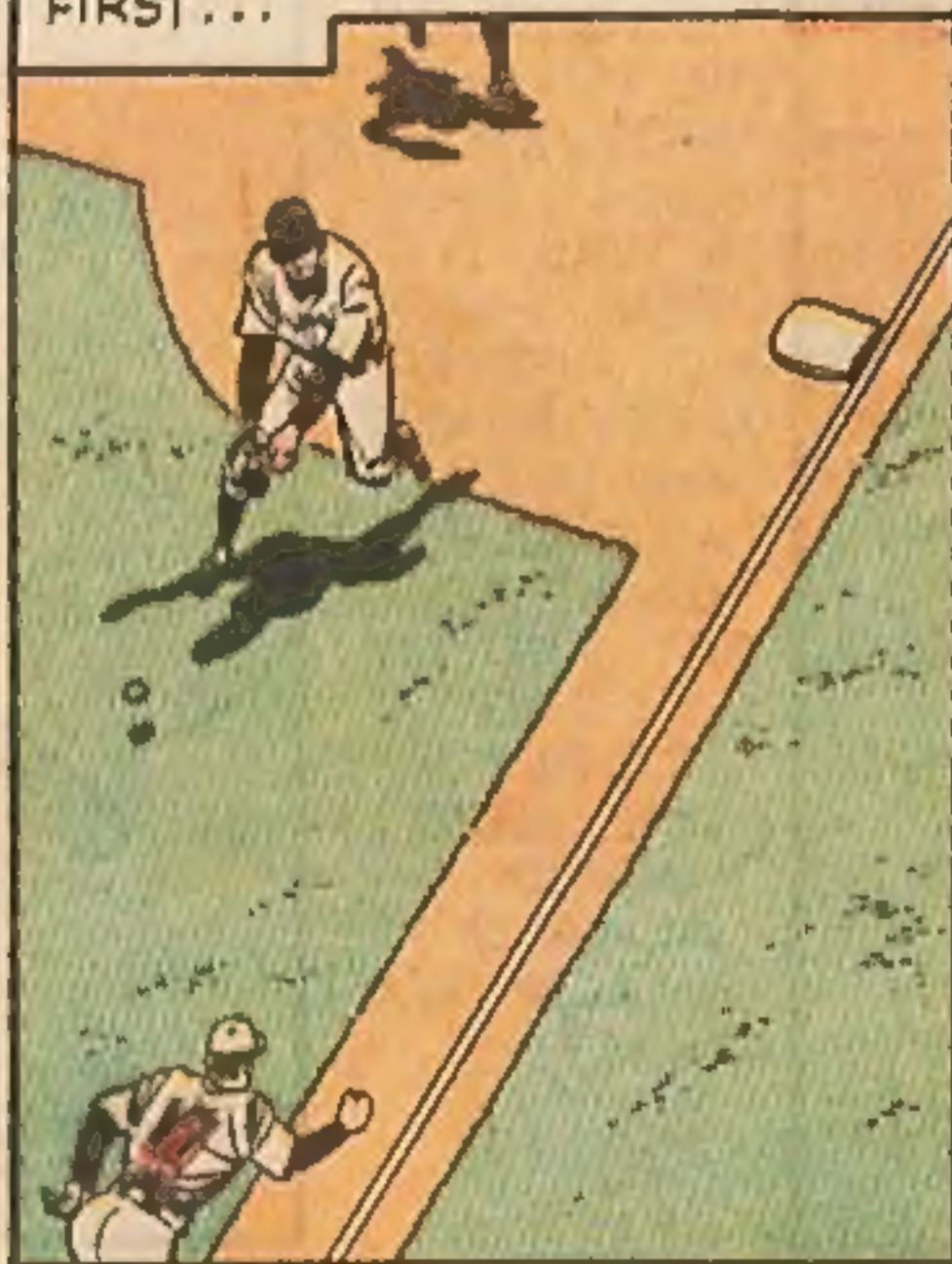
IN THE OLDEN DAYS, FIRST BASEMEN PLAYED ALWAYS ON **FIRST BASE ITSELF!**



IT WAS "CAP" ANSON OF THE OLD **CHICAGO WHITE STOCKINGS** WHO CHANGED ALL THAT. HE WAS THE FIRST MAN TO ASSUME THE MODERN FIELDING POSITION OF THE FIRST BASEMAN, WHICH IS OFF THE BAG AND SOME FEET BEHIND IT AND TOWARD SECOND BASE...



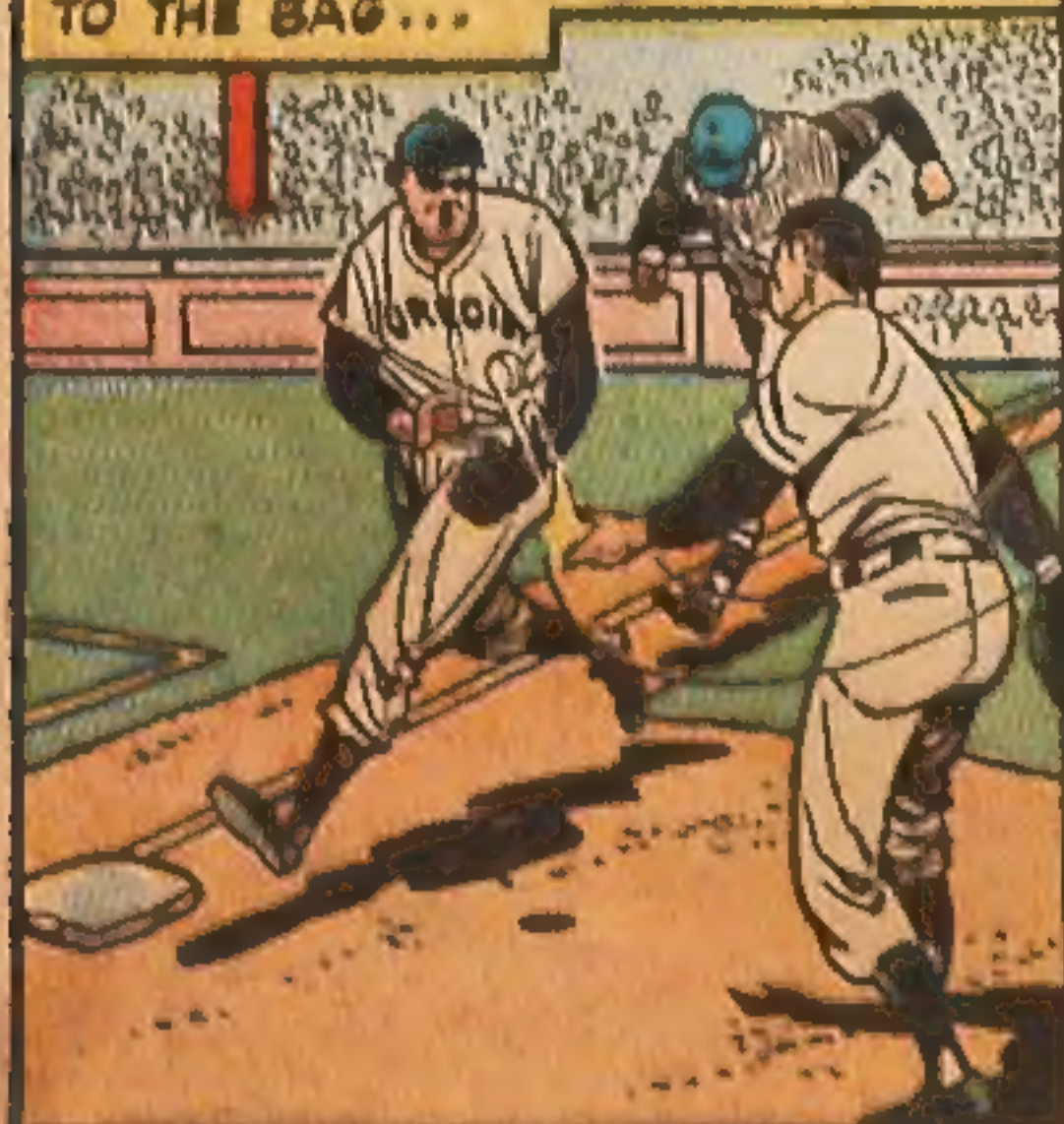
FROM THIS POSITION HE CAN COME IN TO FIELD A BUNT, TO THROW TO SECOND TO STOP THE RUNNER, OR BACK TO FIRST...



HE HAS TO BE ABLE TO FIELD GROUNDERS, TO START THE DOUBLE PLAY BY A FLIP TO SECOND —



ON A GROUND BALL, WHERE THE FIRST BASEMAN CANNOT MAKE THE PLAY HIMSELF, THE THROW SHOULD BE AN **UNDERHAND TOSS** TO THE **PITCHER**, NOT TO THE BAG...



WHEN HE IS TAKING THROWS FROM THE PITCHER, CATCHER OR INFELDERS, HE SHOULD TOUCH FIRST BASE WITH THE **LEFT FOOT**.



AND IN "**STRETCHING**" AT WHICH GIL HODGES OF THE DODGERS IS SO ADEPT — RE-MEMBER THAT THIS ADDED "SIZE" MAY MEAN A BALL GAME, FOR THE UMPIRE **LISTENS** FOR THE SOUND OF THE BALL MEETING THE GLOVE WHILE HE **WATCHES** THE **RUNNER'S FOOT** AND THE BAG...

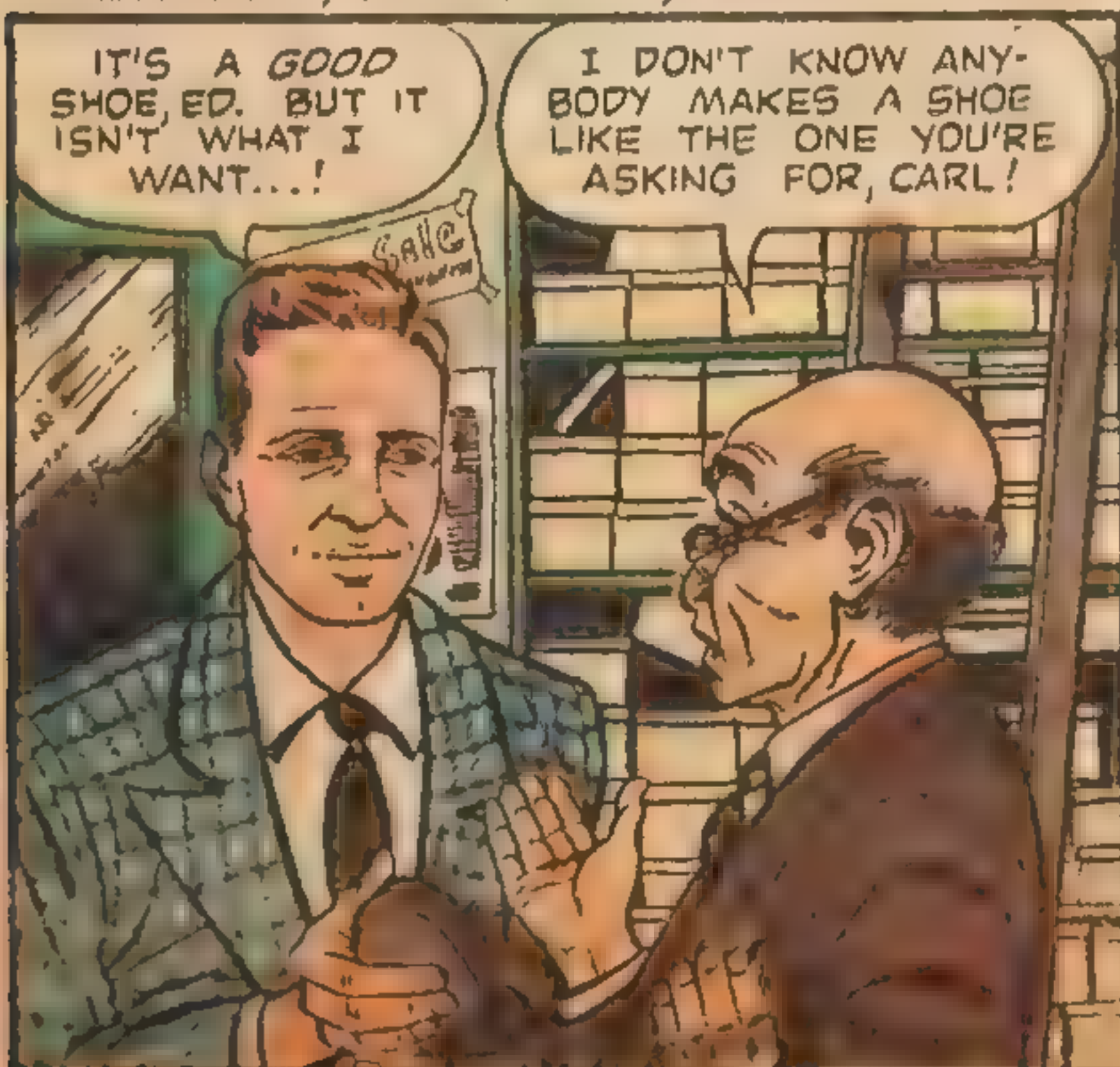


THE LITTLE LEAGUES

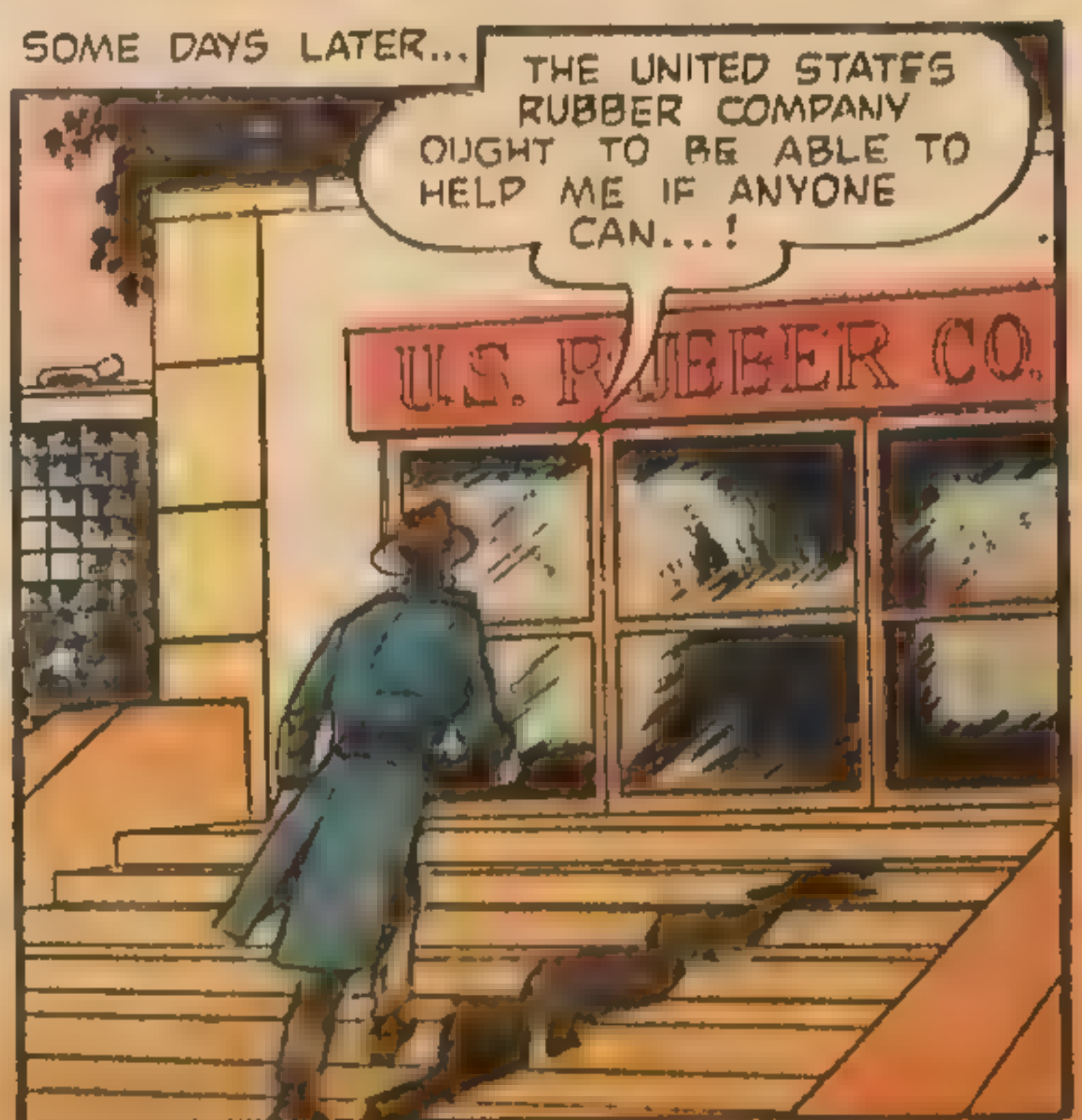


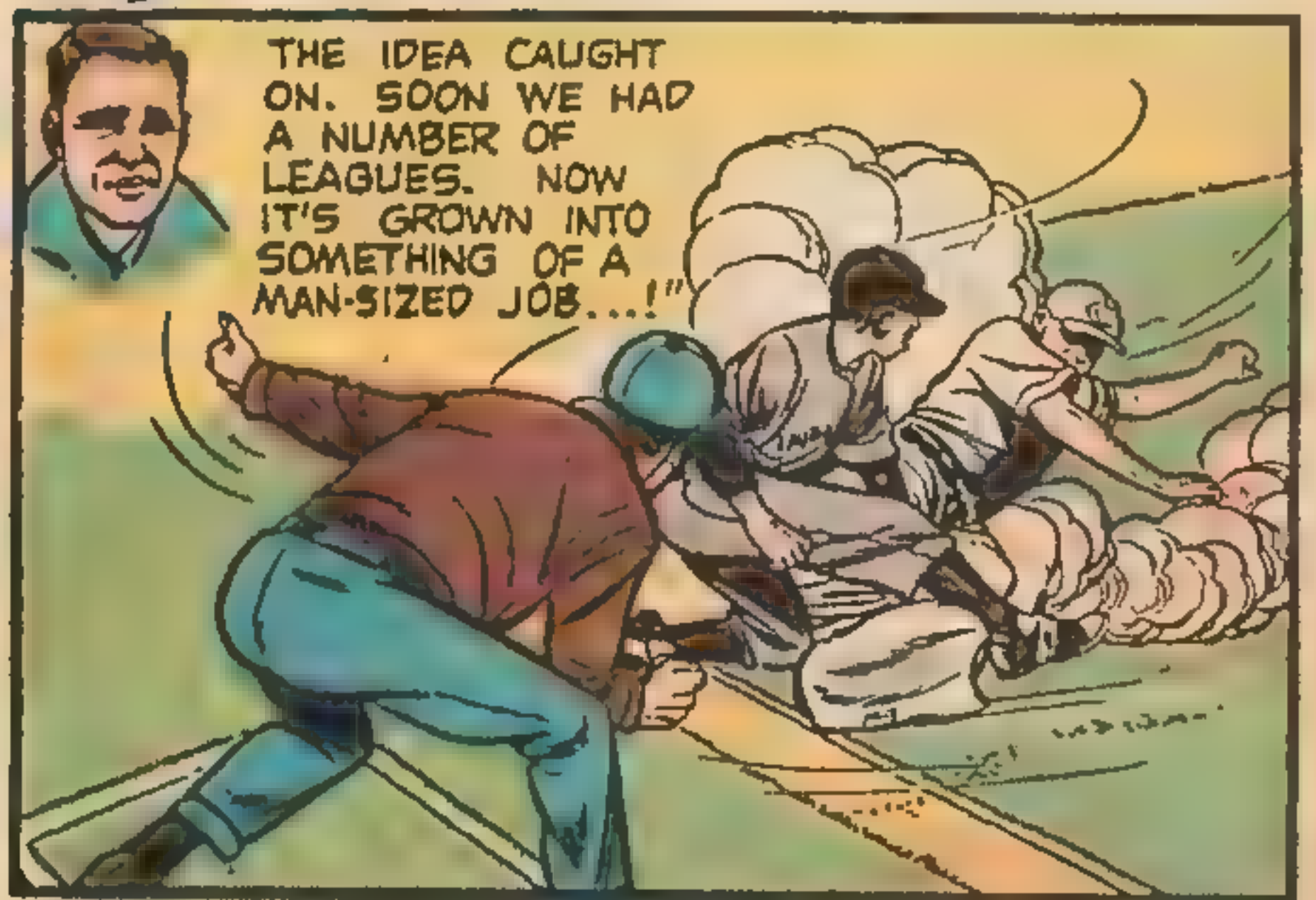
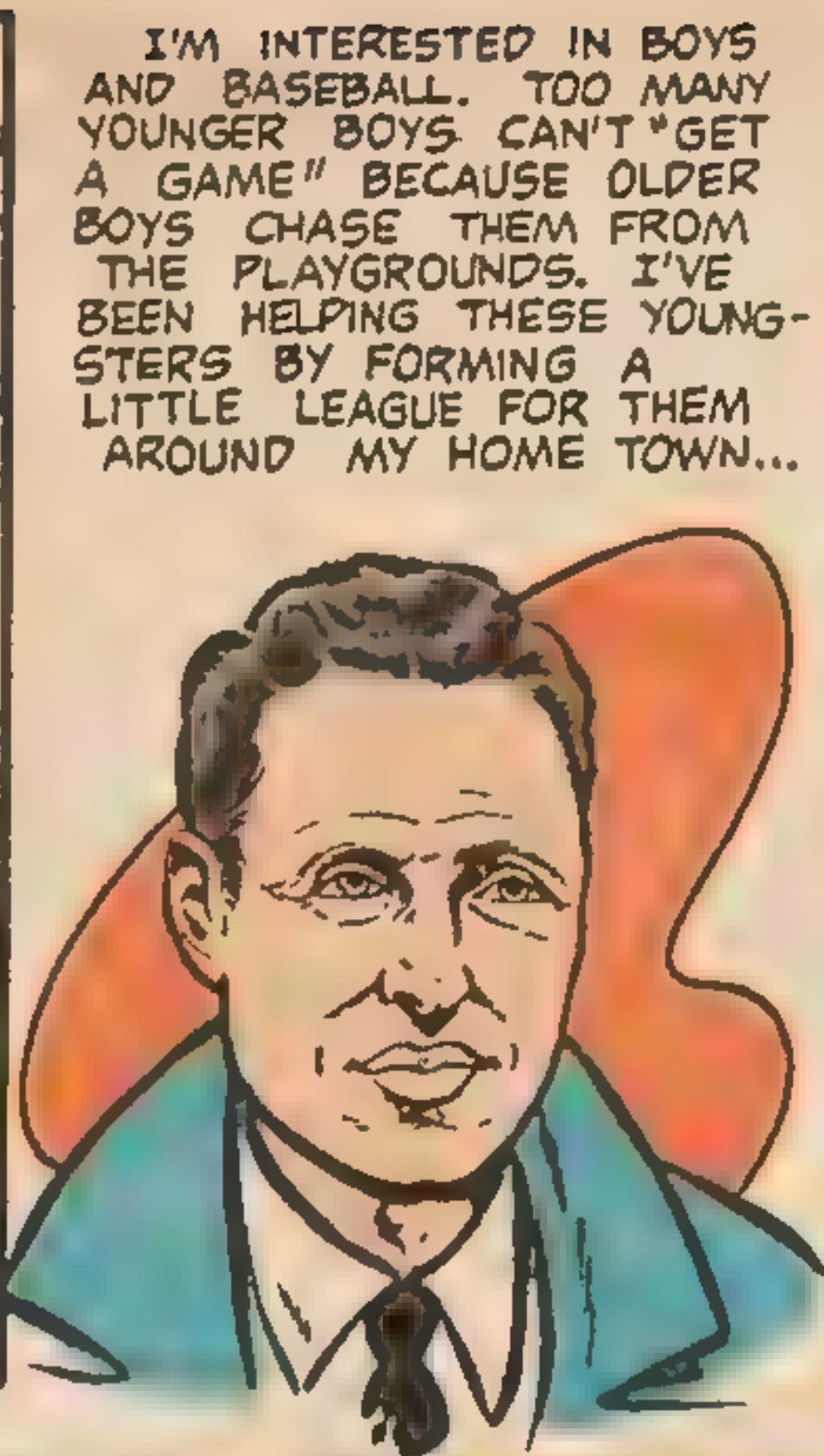
THE LITTLE LEAGUES—BASEBALL LEAGUES ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR BASEBALL STARS UP TO 12 YEARS OF AGE—ARE ALMOST AS YOUNG AS THEIR PLAYERS! THEY ARE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS TERRITORIES, AND IN CANADA—BUT 15 YEARS AGO, THE LITTLE LEAGUES DID NOT EXIST...!

IN THE FALL OF 1947 **CARL E. STOTZ** OF WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA, NEEDED A SHOE —



SOME DAYS LATER...



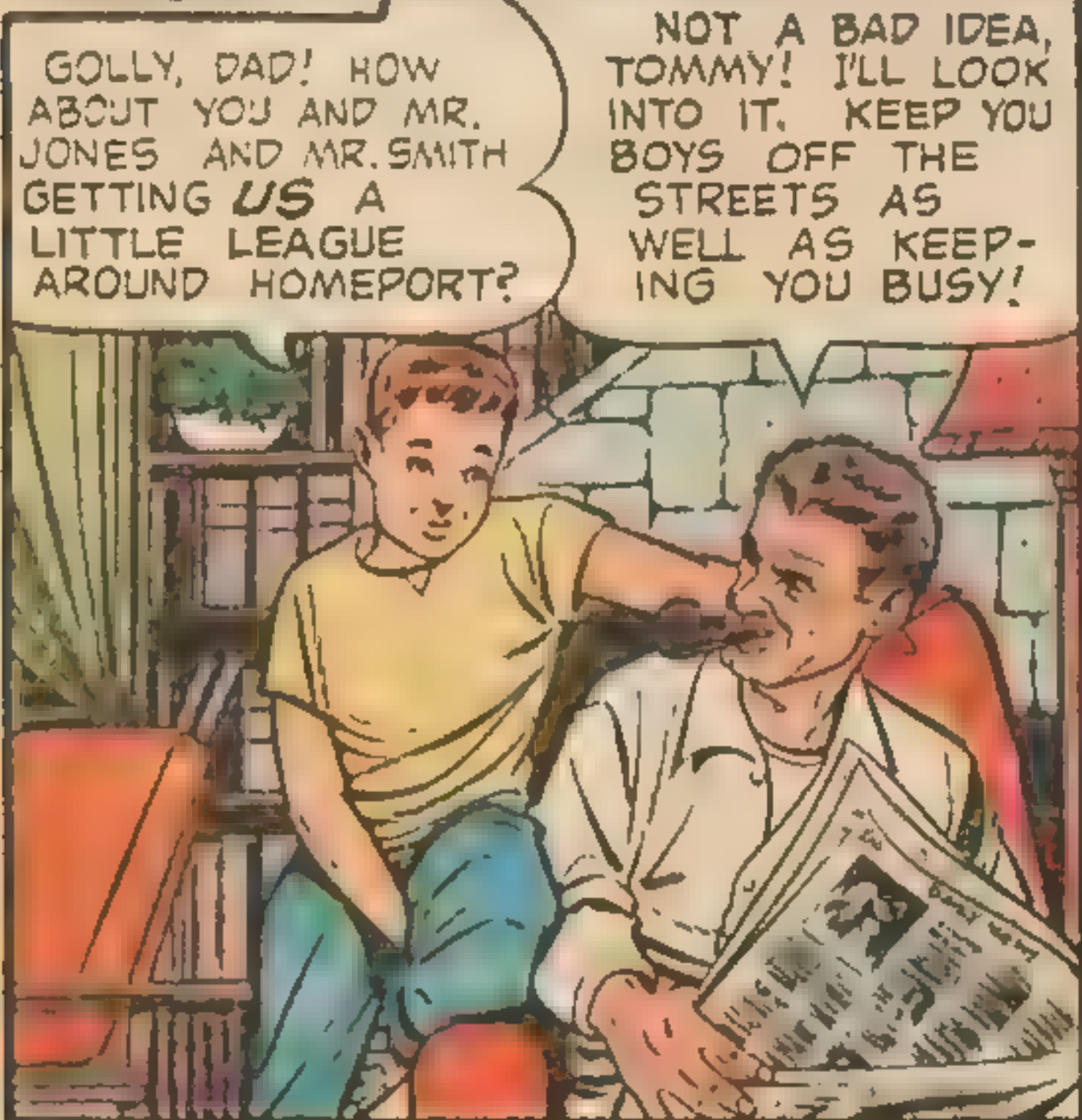


FIRE BY THE IDEA OF THE LITTLE LEAGUES, THE U.S. RUBBER COMPANY THREW ITS TREMENDOUS RESOURCES BEHIND THE IDEA. AND BY 1948, THE NUMBER OF LEAGUES HAD GROWN TO 96 IN 6 STATES!

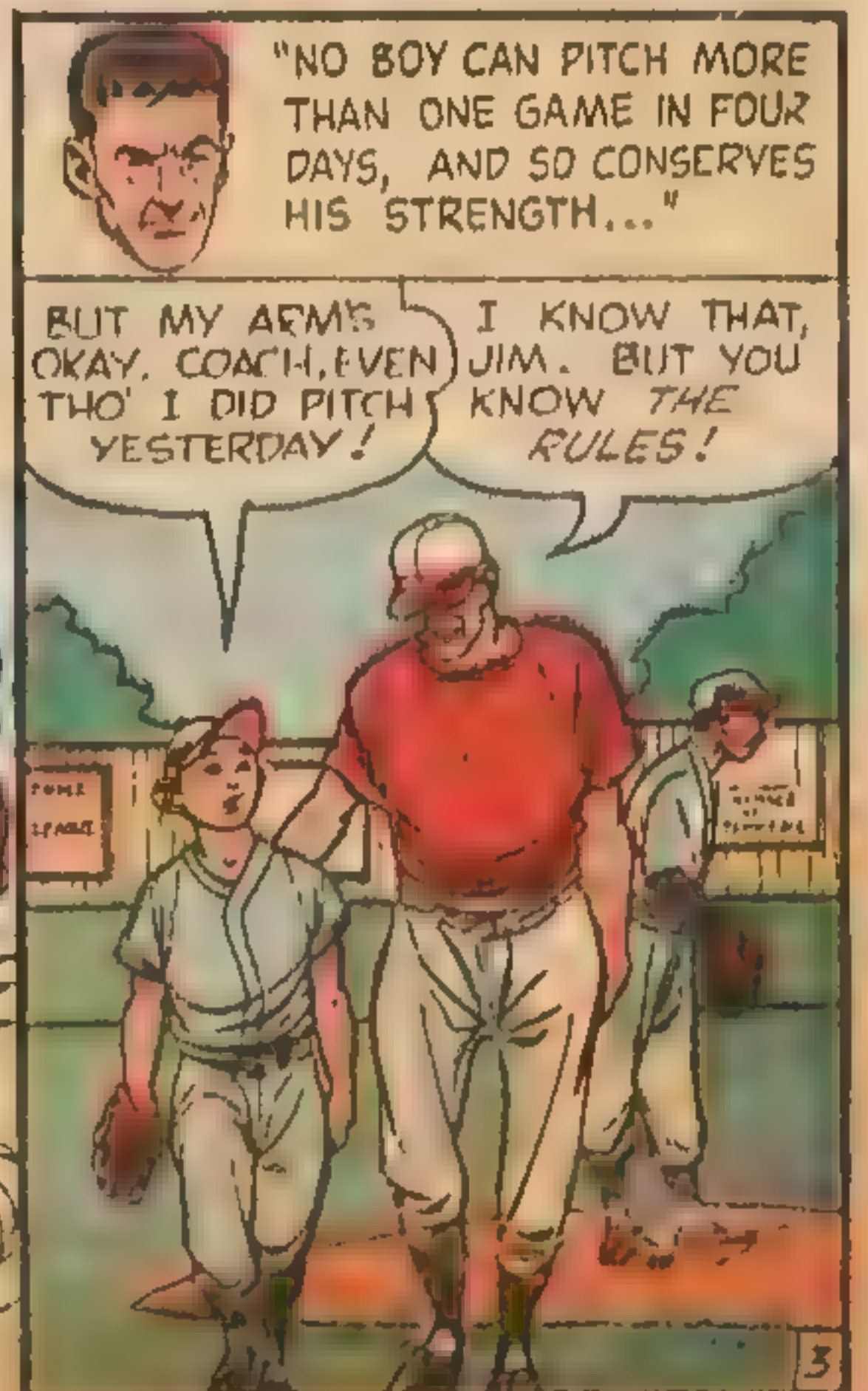
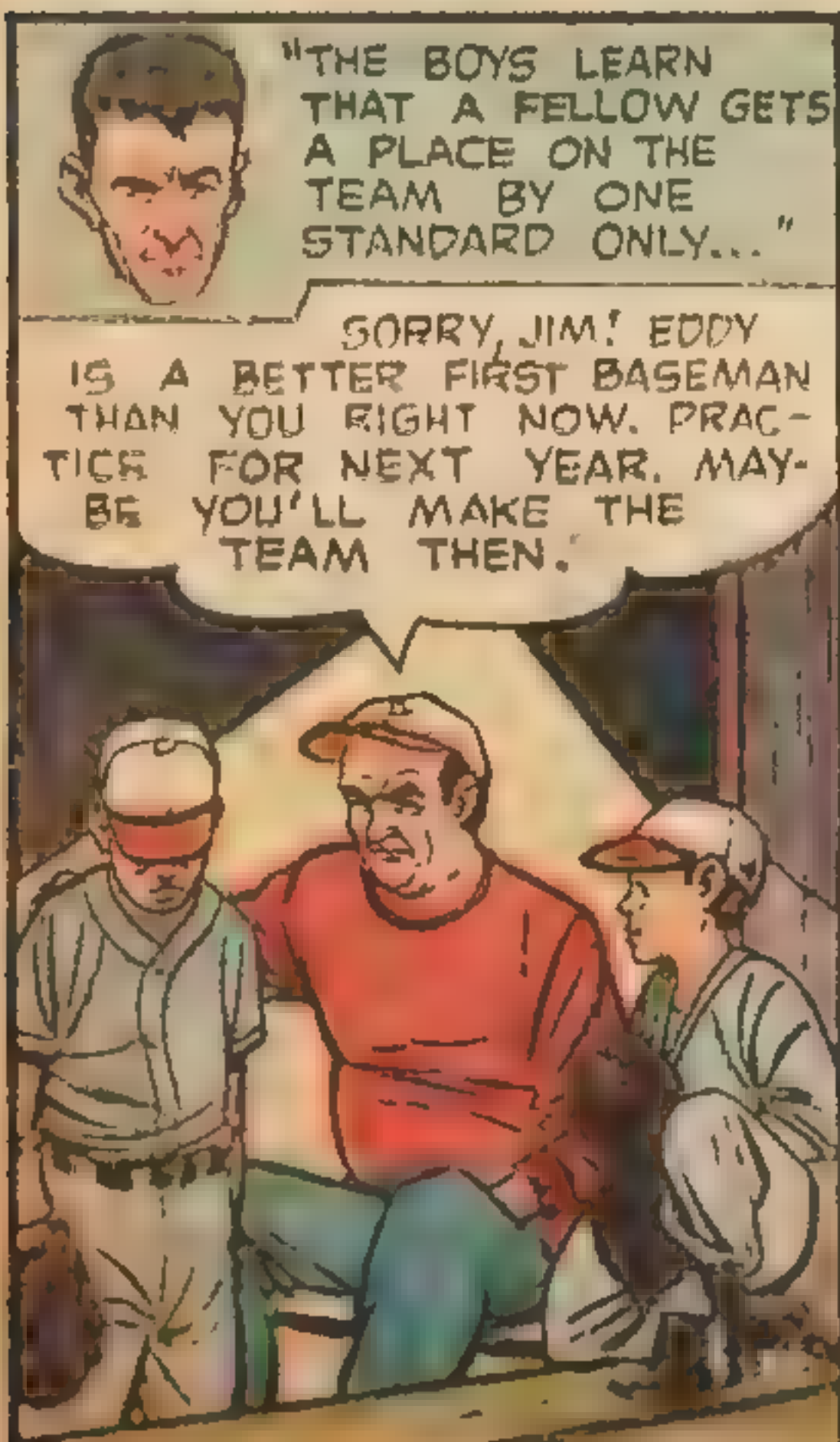


PETER J. FOLEY FIELD OF NAUGATUCK, CONN. ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF A LITTLE LEAGUE STADIUM.

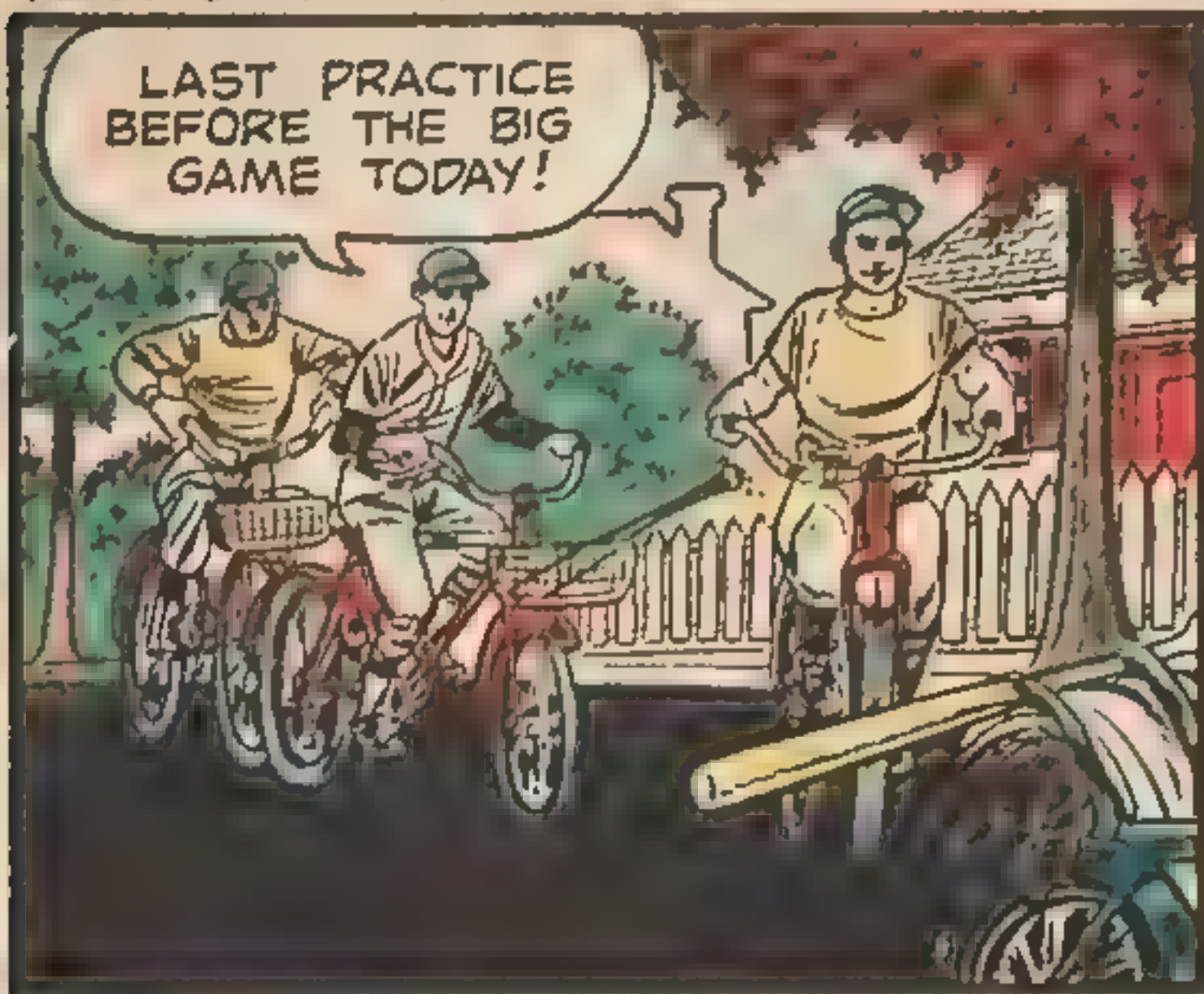
OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITIES SOON BECAME INTERESTED—



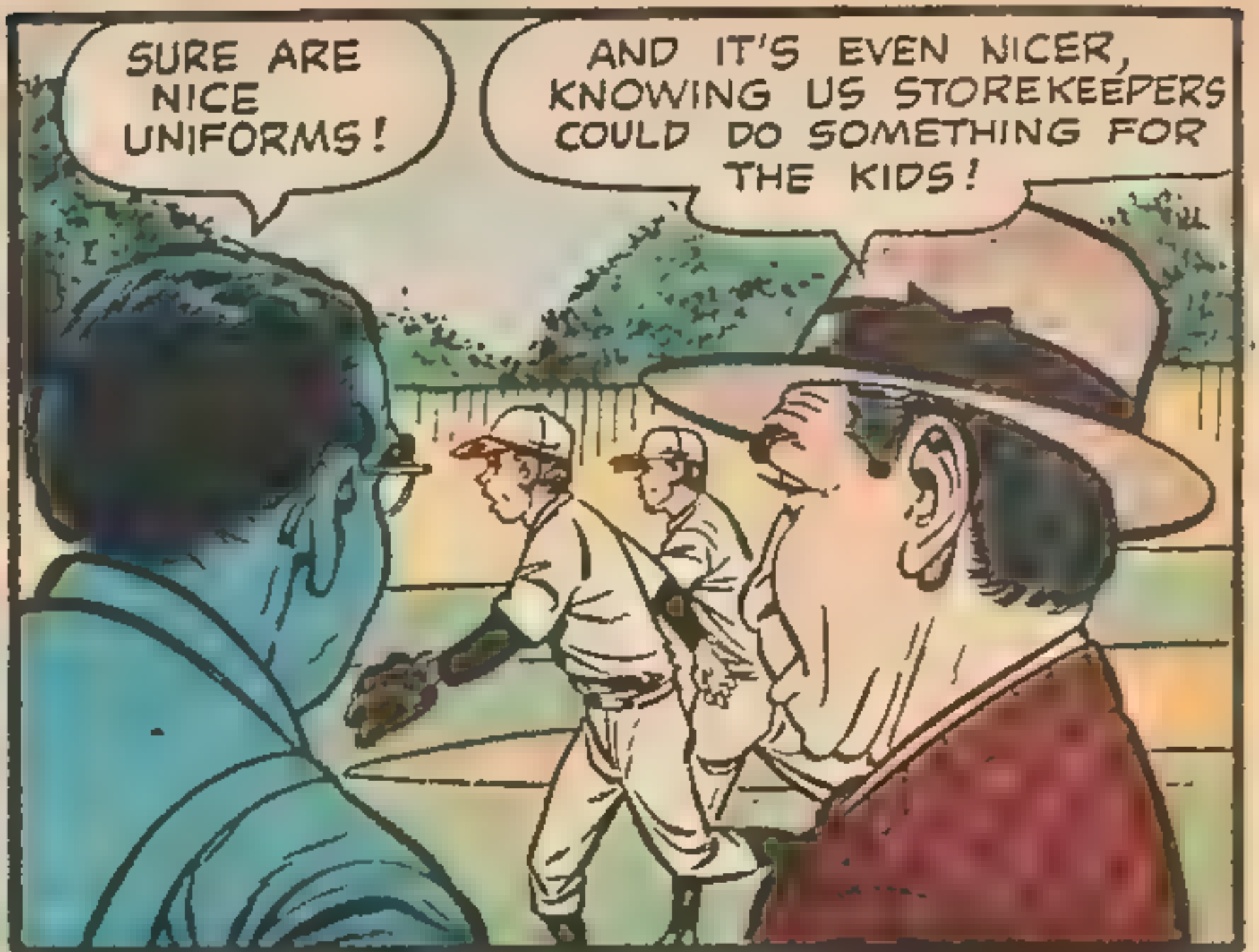
ON INVESTIGATION, THE HOMEPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEARNED ALL ABOUT THE LITTLE LEAGUES, WHEN A SPOKESMAN WAS SENT TO VISIT THEM...



AND SO BASEBALL CAME TO HOMEPORT, AS IT HAS COME TO SO MANY OTHER TOWNS AROUND THE UNITED STATES...



THE LOCAL MERCHANTS BOUGHT THE UNIFORMS...



FATHERS, UNCLES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TURNED OUT IN FORCE TO BUILD A PLAYING FIELD AND STANDS...



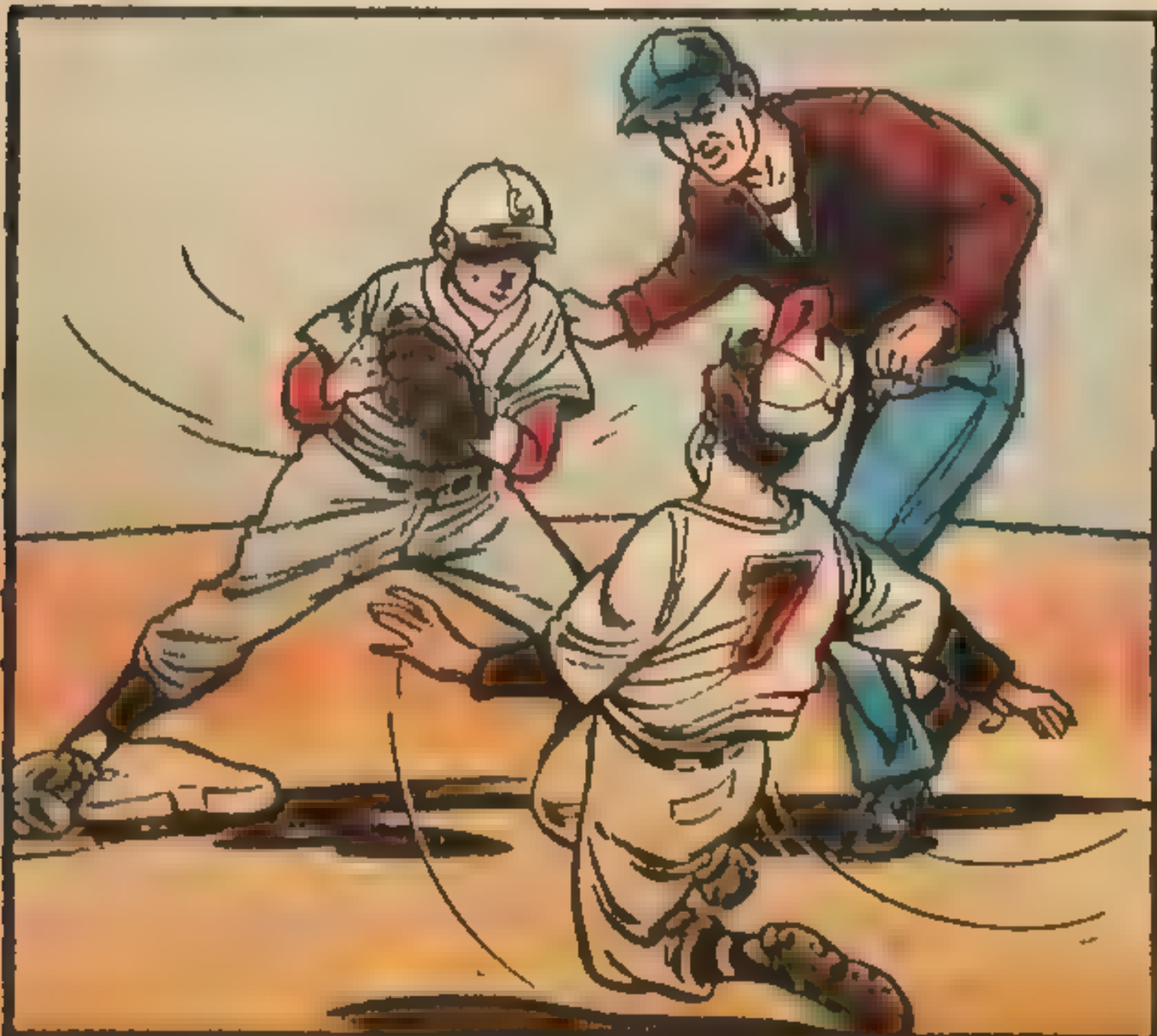
GOING TO THE GAME WAS A FAMILY AFFAIR...



SOON ALL HOMEPORT FOUND ITSELF ROOTING LUSTILY FOR "ITS TEAM"!



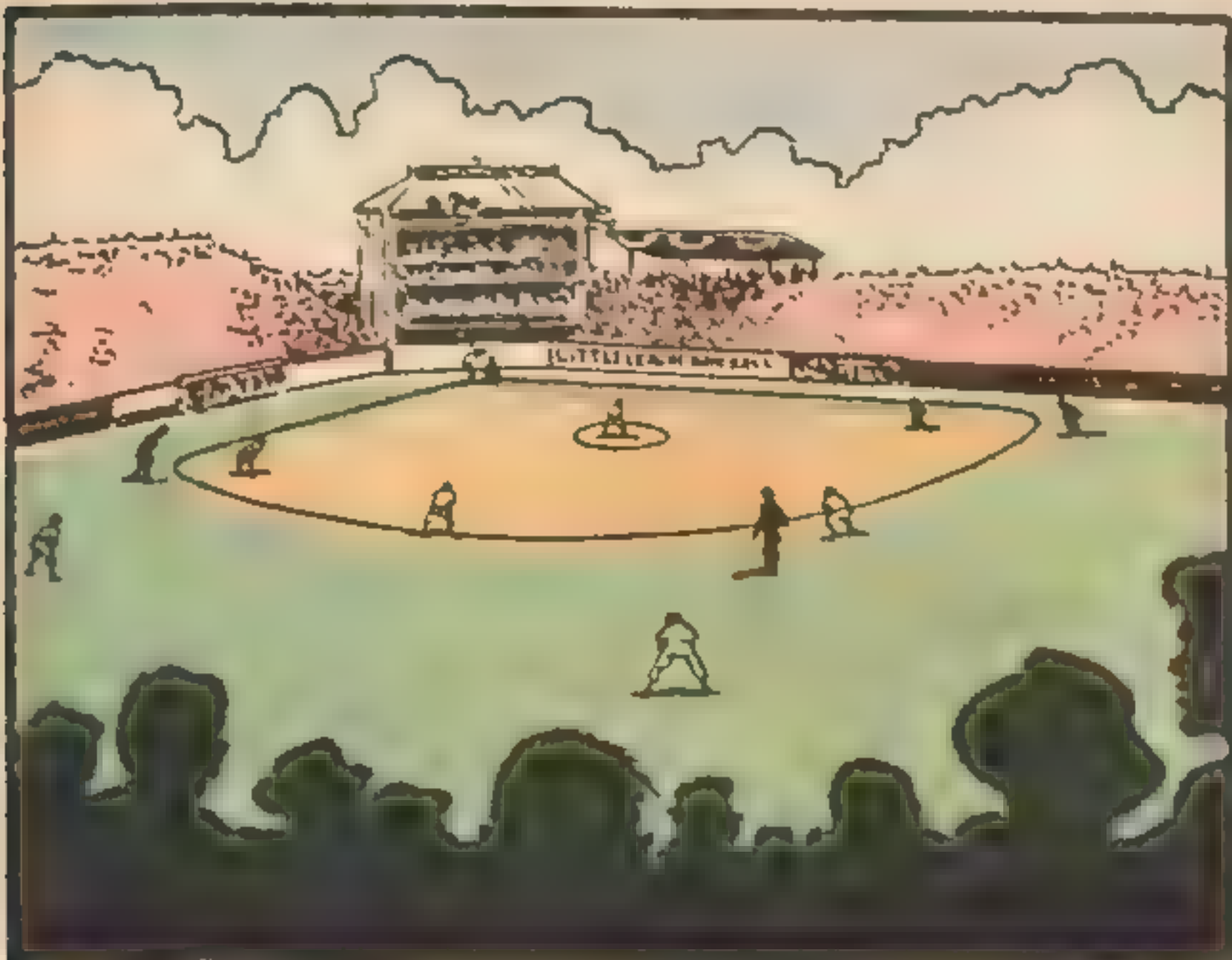
AS IT GOES IN HOMEPORT, SO IT GOES IN OTHER TOWNS FROM MAINE TO CALIFORNIA...



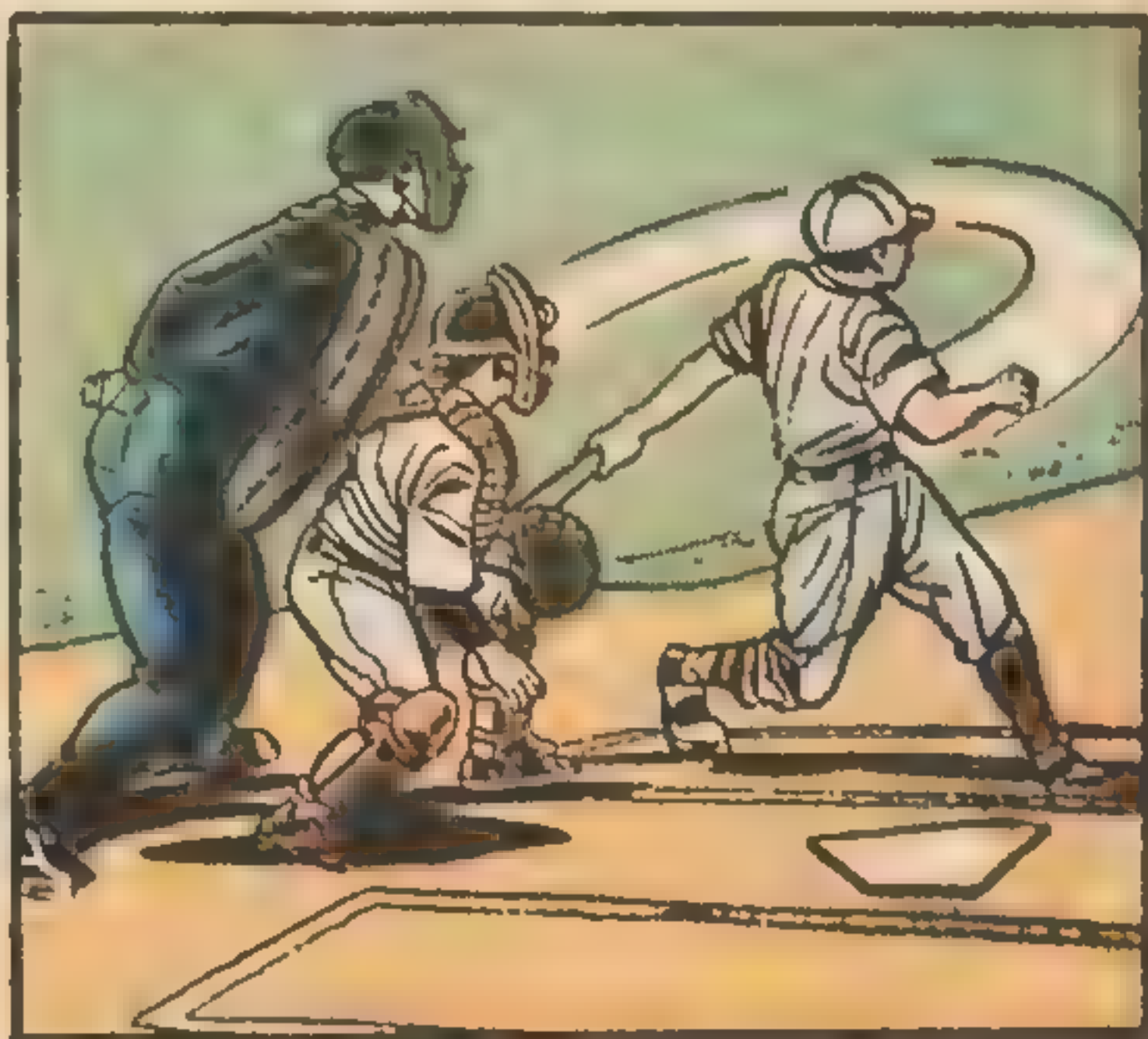
IN 1949 THE NUMBER OF LEAGUES HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED, AND SPREAD TO 12 STATES...



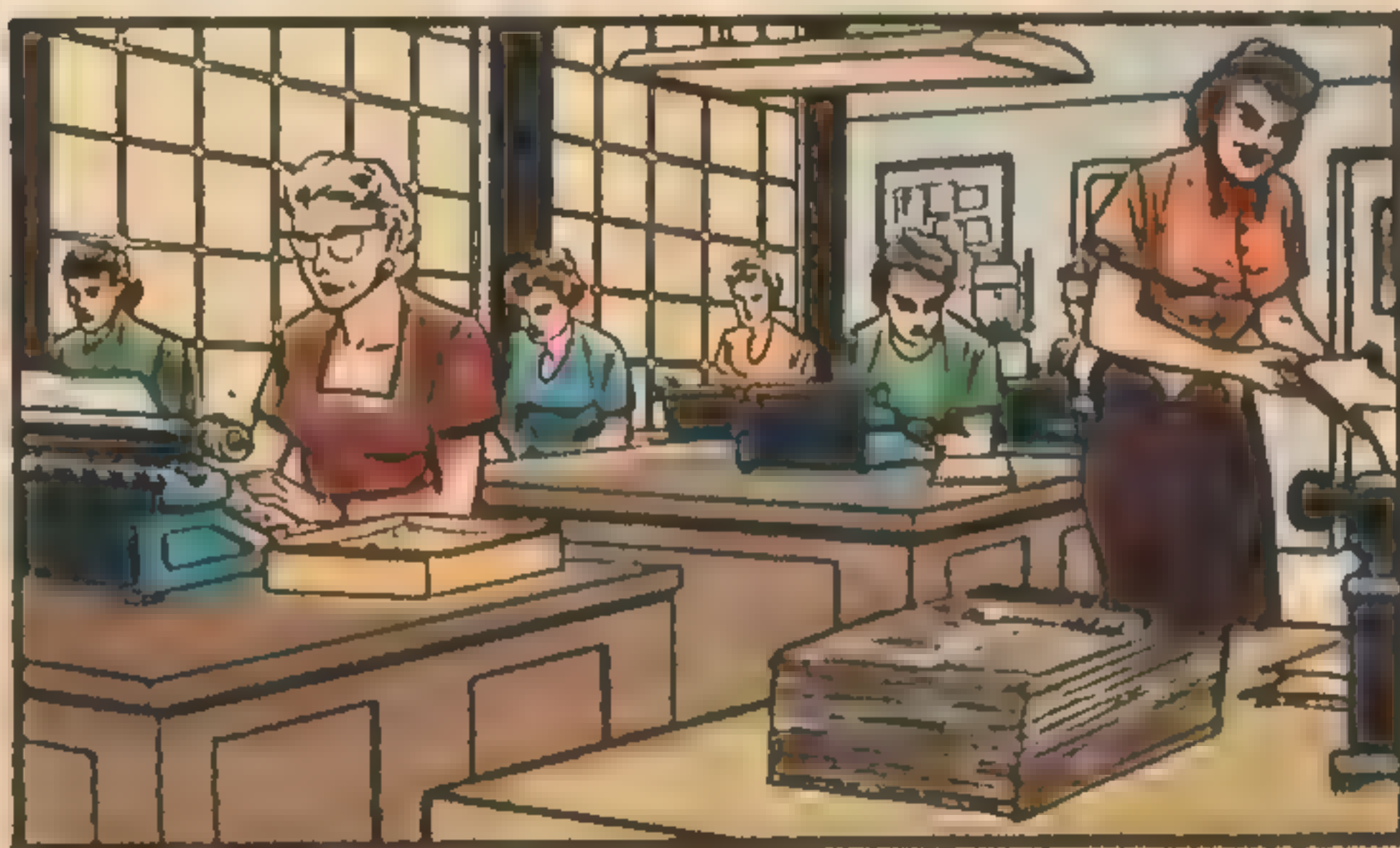
EACH YEAR, THE BEST TEAMS OF THE LITTLE LEAGUES MEET AT WILLIAMSPORT, TO STAGE THEIR LITTLE WORLD SERIES...



IN 1950, THE LITTLE LEAGUES HAD 306 LEAGUES, PLAYING IN 22 STATES! THEY WERE GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS!



HANDLING LITTLE LEAGUE OFFICE WORK REQUIRES A FULL-TIME STAFF AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN WILLIAMSPORT.



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A CLUBHOUSE HAS BEEN BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL BALL FIELD AT WILLIAMSPORT, PA., WHERE COMMISSIONER OF THE LITTLE LEAGUES, CARL E. STOTZ AND HIS ASSISTANT, JOHN H. LINDEMUTH ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE.



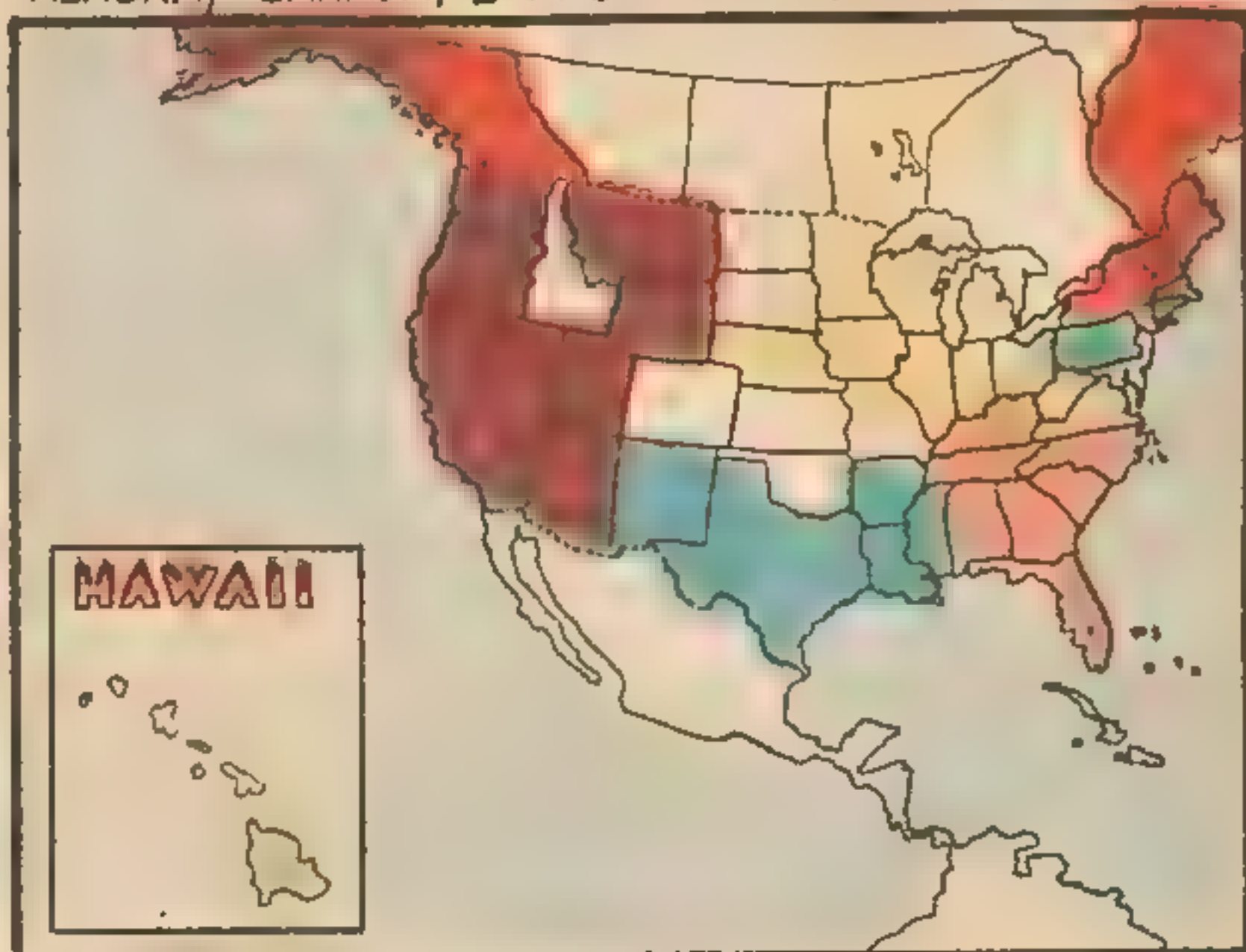
ONE CITY ALONE—FORT WAYNE, INDIANA—HAS 6 LEAGUES OF FOUR TEAMS EACH...



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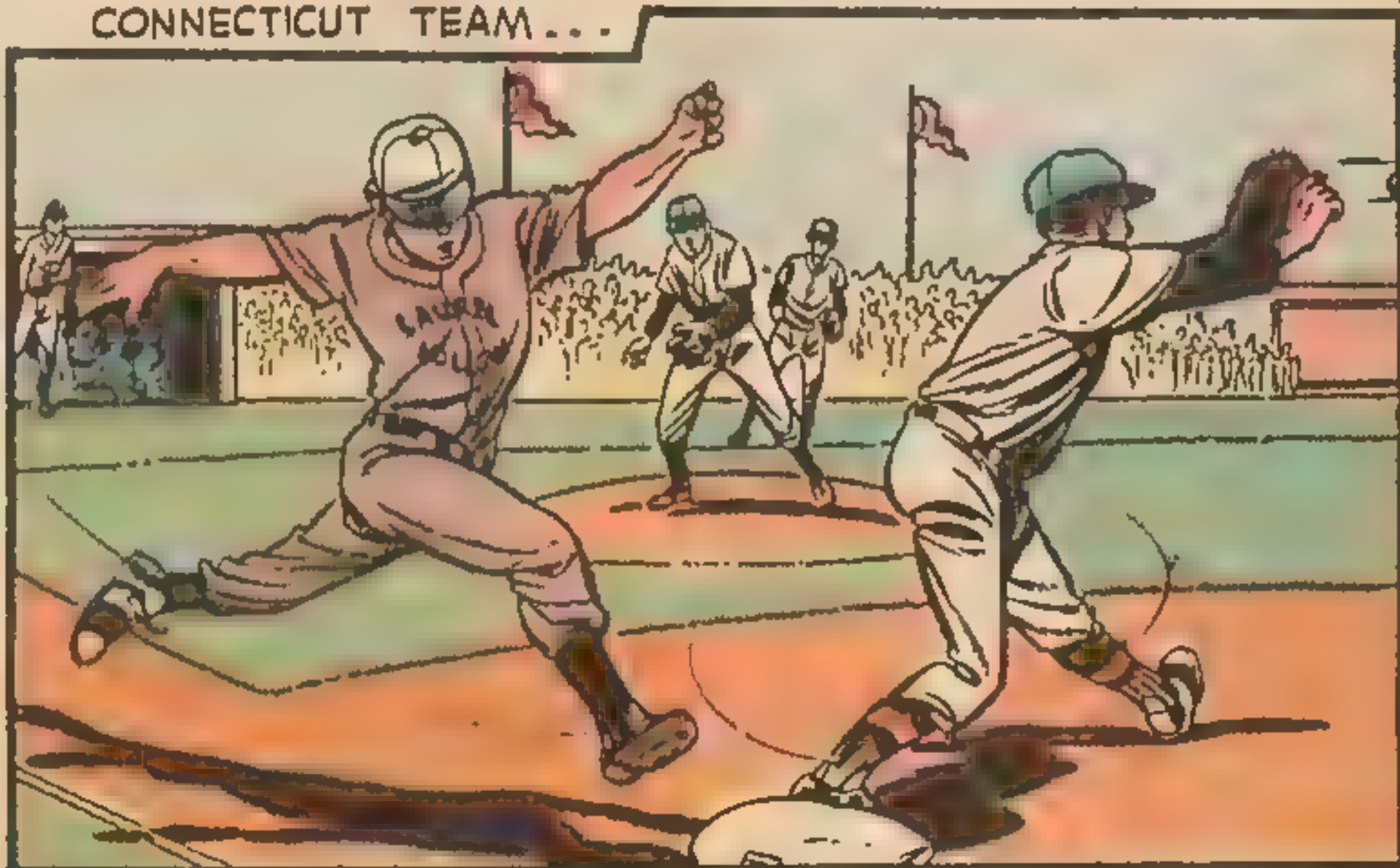
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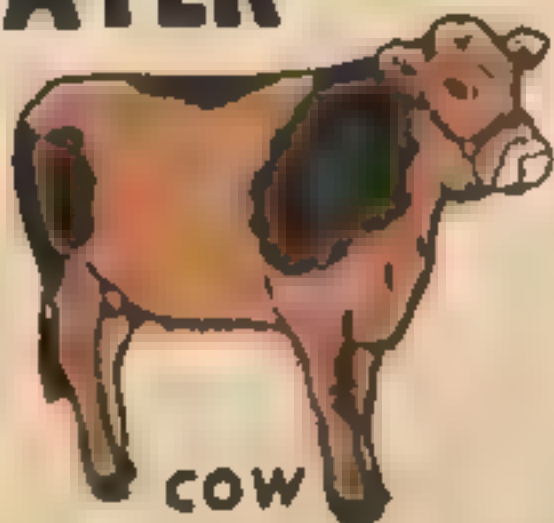
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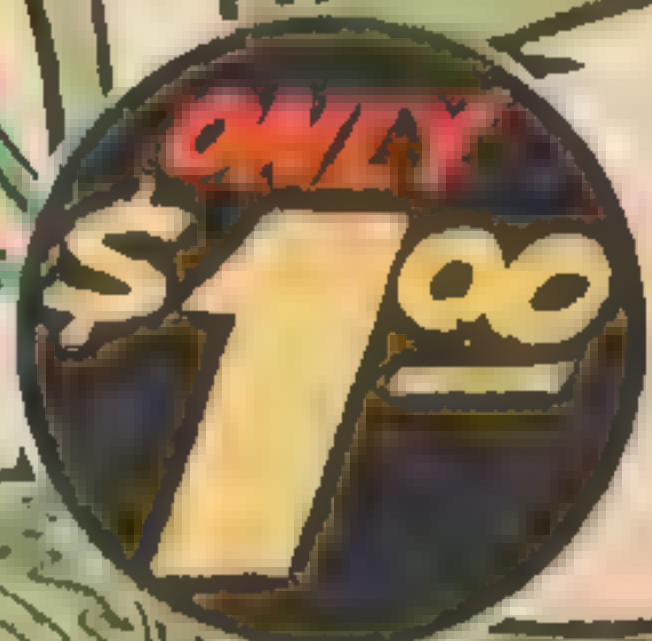


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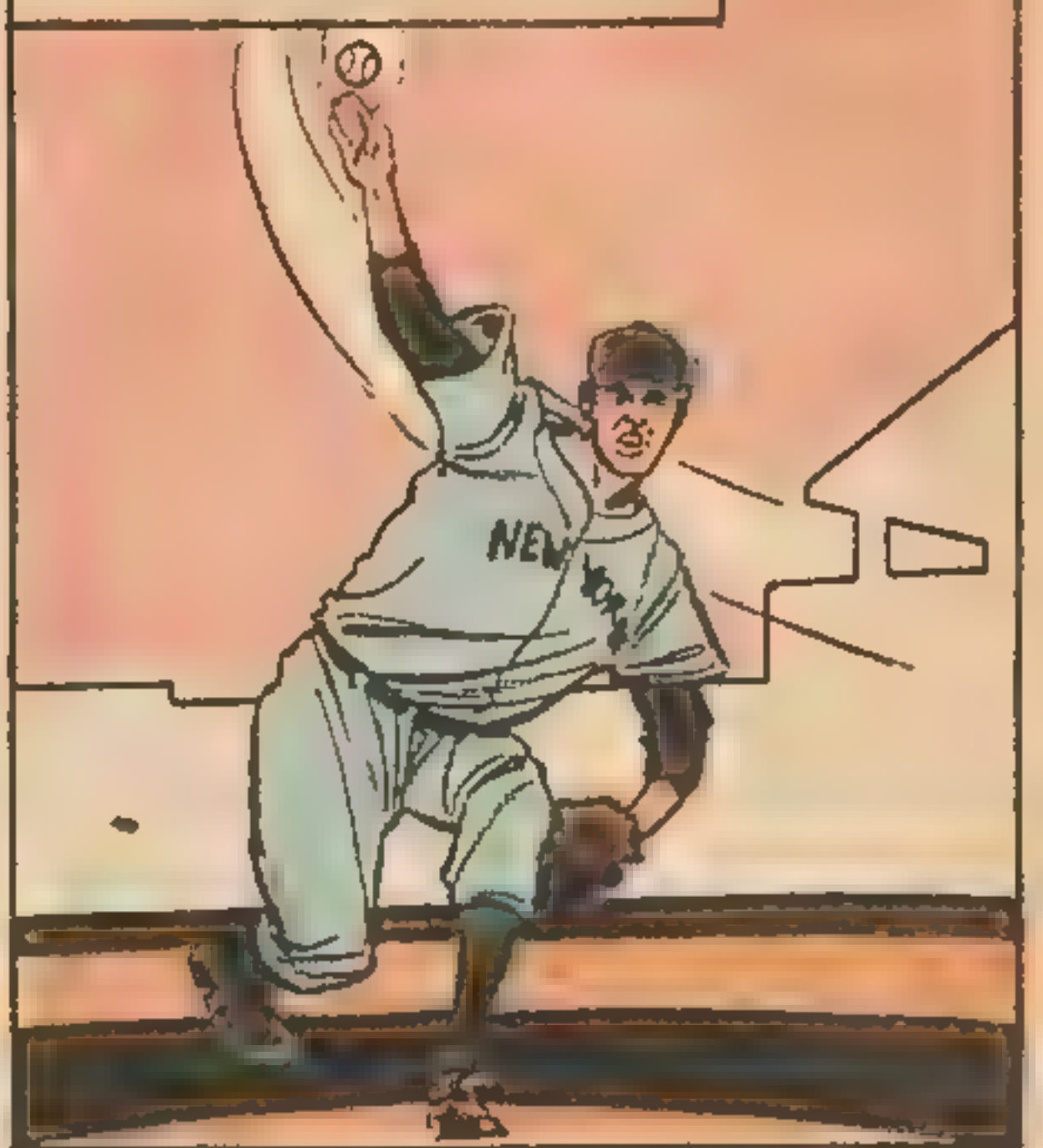
ROOKIES TO WATCH

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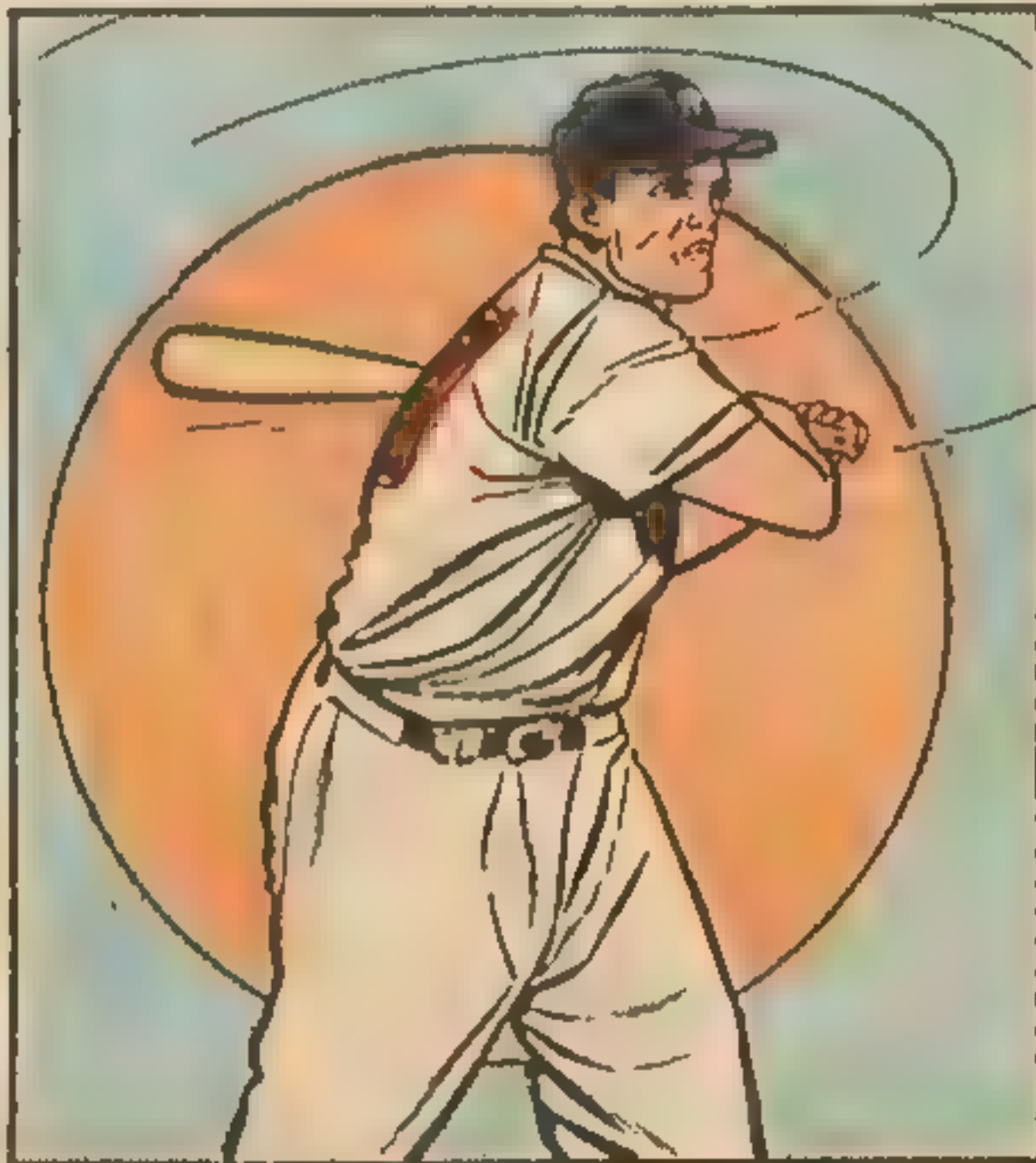


WHO WILL BE THE ROOKIES WHO WILL CATCH THE EYES OF THE FANS FROM COAST TO COAST THIS YEAR? EVERY BIG-LEAGUE BALL CLUB HAS ONE OR MORE DESTINED FOR STARDOM, WHICH OF THESE COMERS WILL WIN THE PRIZED AWARDS — ROOKIES OF THE YEAR?

THE NEW YORK YANKEES OFFER PITCHER **AL CICOTTE**, A HURLER UP FROM KANSAS CITY.



A FUTURE YANKEE SLUGGER IS **BILL "MOOSE" SKOWRON**, FORMER PURDUE FOOTBALL PLAYER AND OUTFIELDER, WHO HIT .341 FOR KANSAS CITY LAST SEASON, AND WAS ADJUDGED MINOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR...

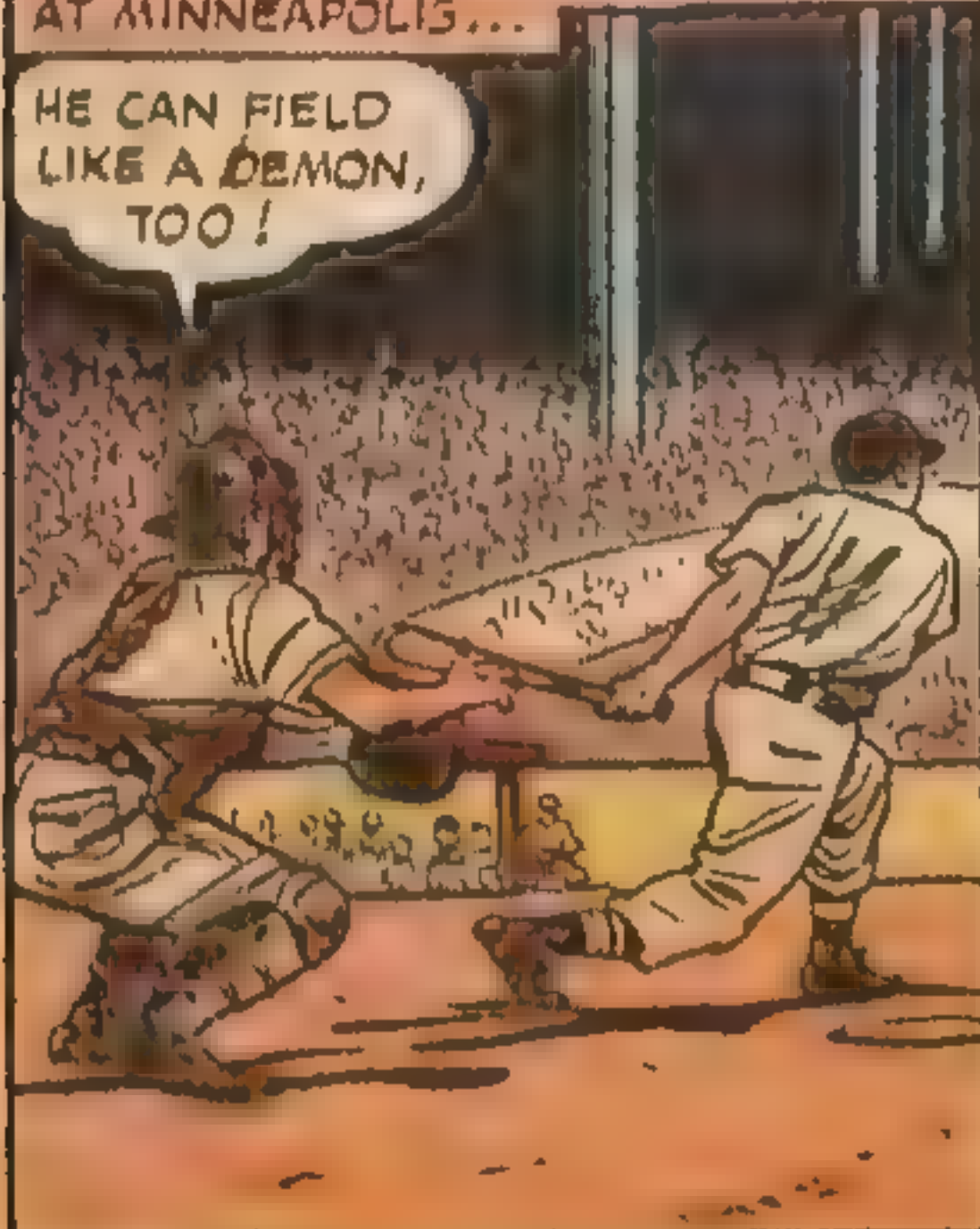


THE LOWLY ST. LOUIS BROWNS OFFER **BILL HUNTER** A STELLAR SHORTSTOP, PURCHASED FROM THE DODGERS LAST WINTER...



ANOTHER TALENTED SHORTSTOP IS **DARRYL SPENCER** OF THE GIANTS WHO MAY EDGE OUT CAPTAIN ALVIN DARK FOR THE JOB. HE HIT 27 HOME RUNS LAST YEAR AT MINNEAPOLIS...

HE CAN FIELD LIKE A DEMON, TOO!



STILL A THIRD SHORTSTOP TABBED AS A FUTURE STAR IS **HARVEY KUENN** OF THE DETROIT TIGERS, WHO SLAMMED .340 FOR DAVENPORT IN '52.



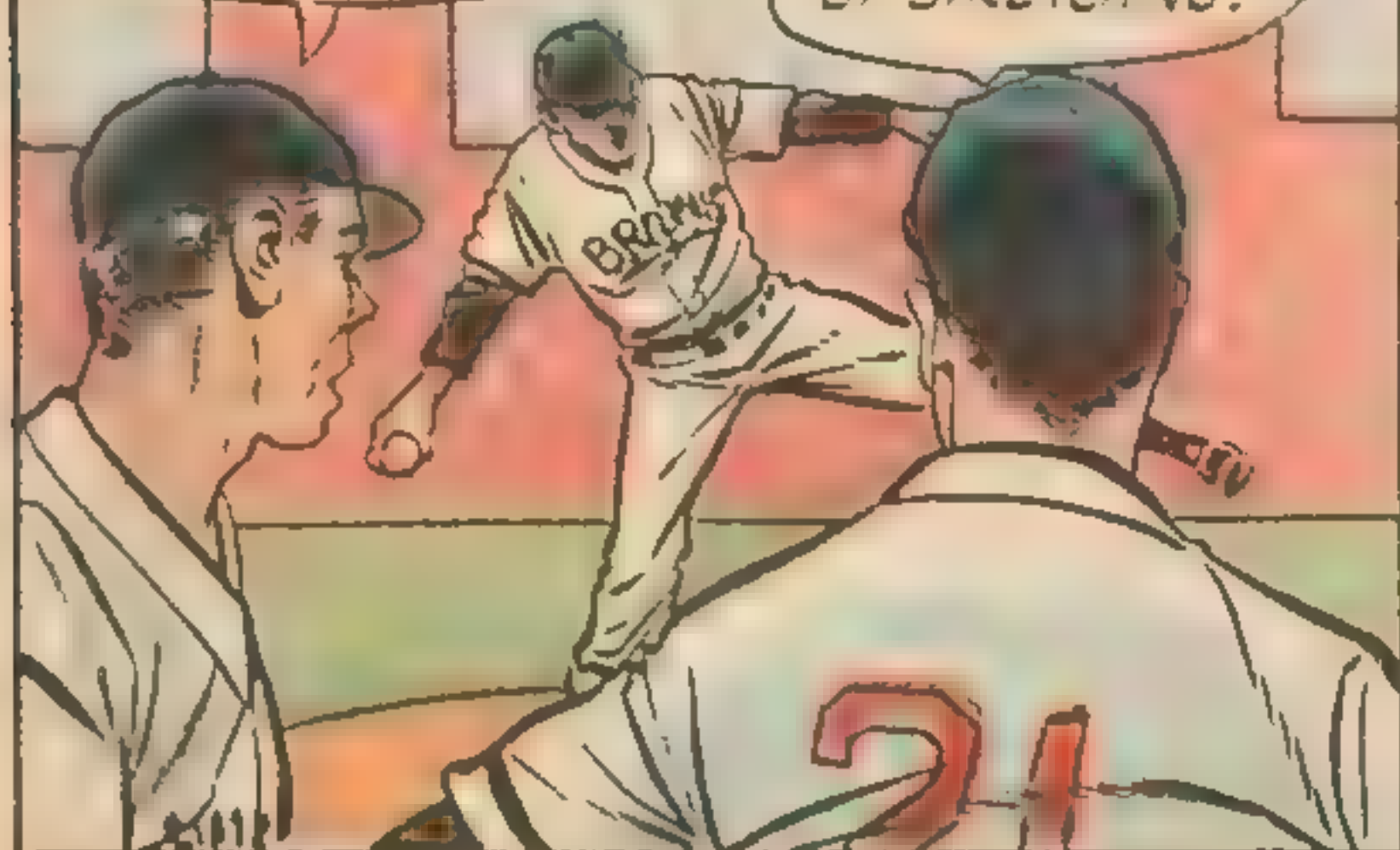
THE CARDINALS POINT TO THEIR SOUTHPAW ROOKIE, **VINEGAR BEND MIZELL**...



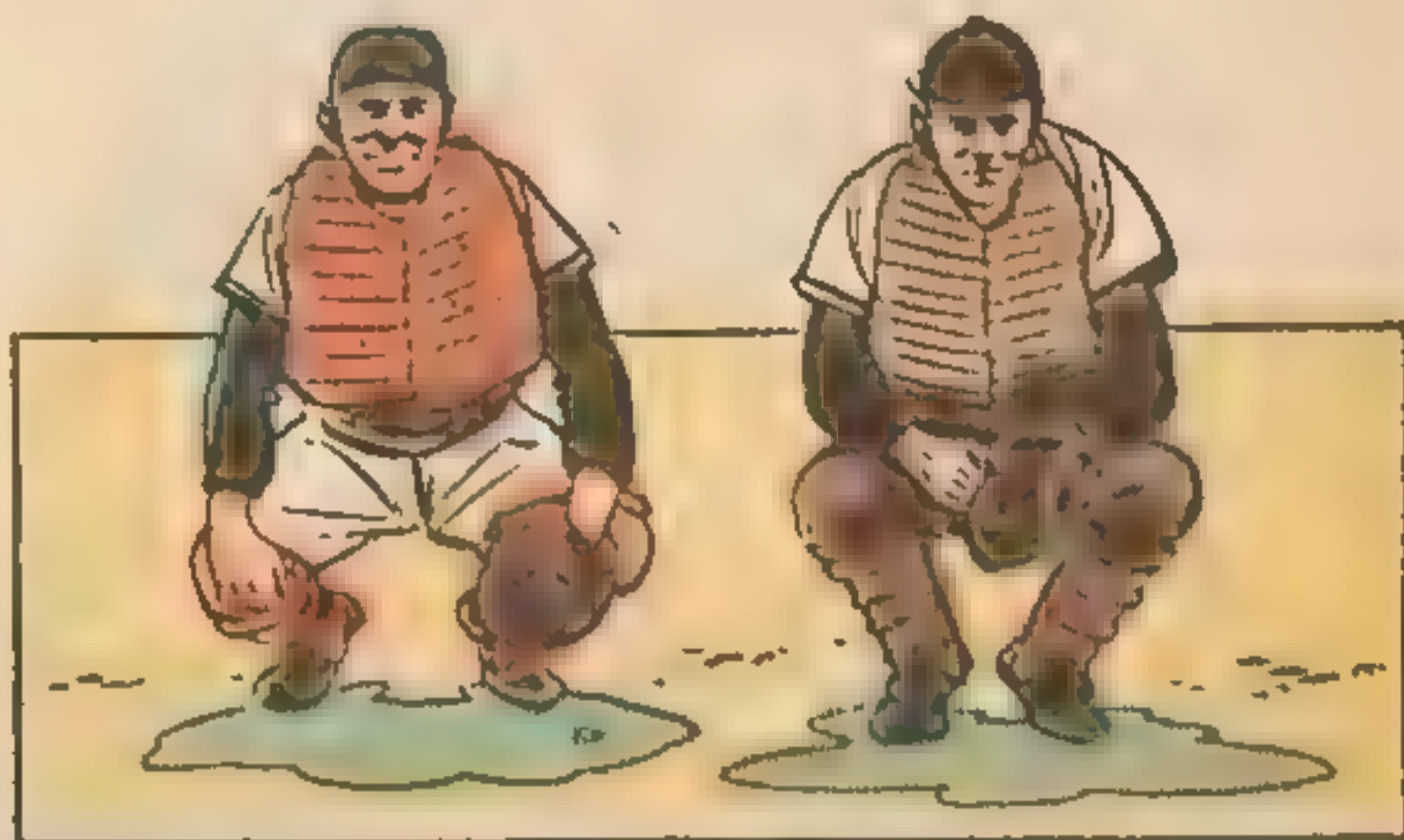
KEEP YOUR EYE ON **GENE CONLEY**, SIX FOOT, EIGHT INCH PITCHER FOR THE MILWAUKEE BRAVES—

HE USED TO JUMP CENTER ON HIS COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM!

NO WONDER! HE'S SO TALL HE CAN ALMOST REACH HOME PLATE BY STRETCHING!



TWO ROOKIE BACKSTOPS WITH GOOD CHANCES OF MAKING THEIR TEAMS ARE **DICK RAND** OF THE CARDINALS AND **JOHNNY BUCHA** OF THE TIGERS...



THE DODGERS CLAIM TO HAVE ANOTHER JACKIE ROBINSON IN **JUNIOR GILLIAM** WHO HAS OUSTED JACKIE FROM HIS SECOND BASE SLOT IN SPRING TRAINING, SO SENSATIONAL HAS BEEN HIS FIELDING...



THREE ROOKIE PITCHERS HAVE BEEN HURLING SENSATIONAL BALL FOR THOSE SAME DODGERS—**JOHNNY PODRES**, **GLEN MICKENS** AND **BOB MILLIKEN**—



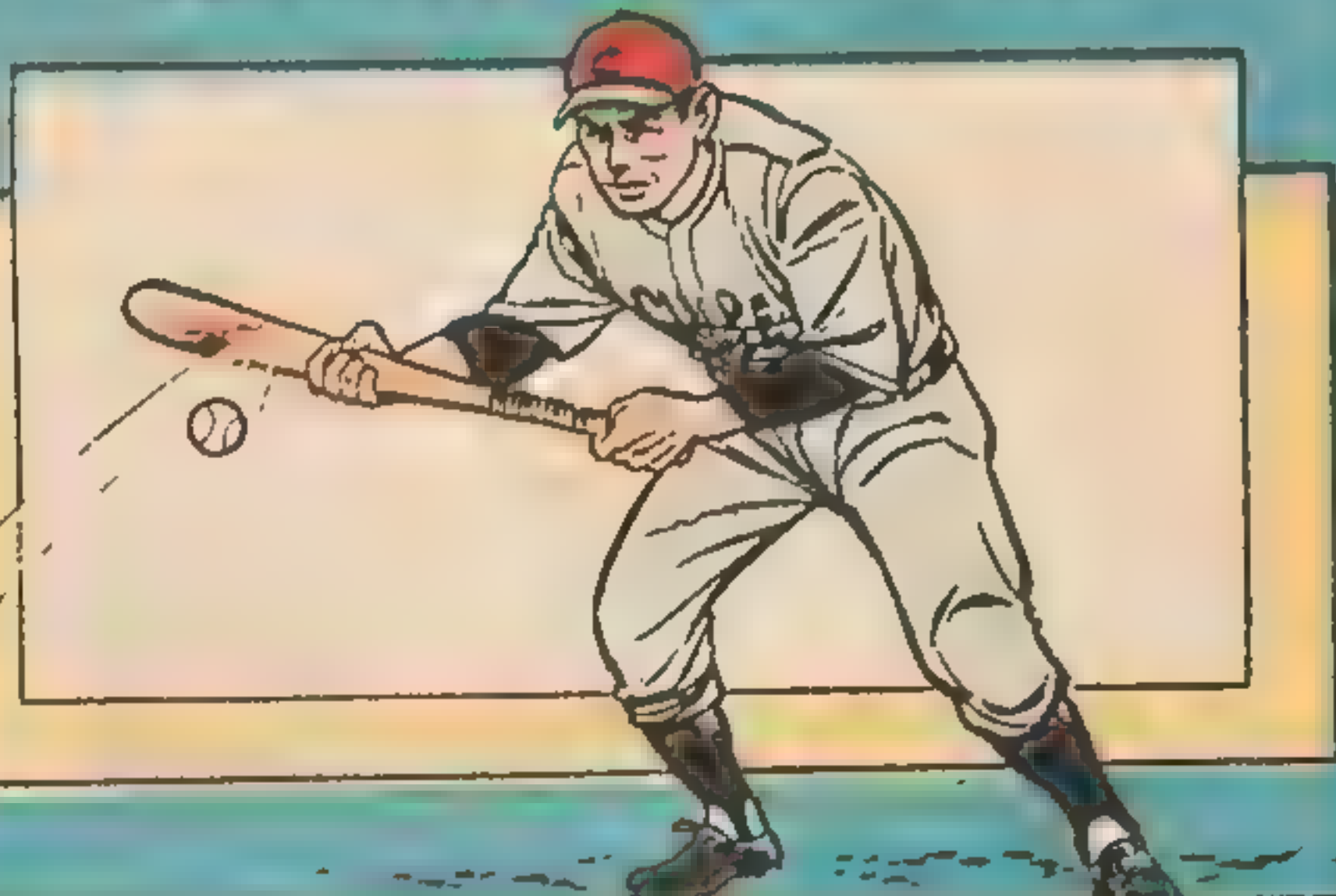
PEE WEE REESE IS GETTING OPPOSITION FROM YOUNG **DON ZIMMER** FOR THE BROOKLYN SHORT STOP POST. ZIMMER HIT .310 FOR MOBILE LAST SEASON. BROOKLYN SOLD HUNTER TO THE BROWNS FOR \$90,000 AND KEPT ZIMMER. THIS WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW HIGHLY THEY REGARD THIS UP-AND-COMING INFILDER...



LAST YEAR PITCHER **JOE BLACK** OF THE DODGERS AND CATCHER **CLINT COURTNEY** OF THE BROWNS WON THE AWARD OF PRIZE ROOKIES. WHO WILL MAKE IT THIS YEAR?



BUNTING: A LOST ART



THE BUNT HAS BEEN CALLED A LOST ART. ONLY THIS PAST YEAR, A MAJOR LEAGUE MANAGER CLAIMED HIS TEAM **LOST TEN TO TWENTY GAMES** BECAUSE PLAYERS ON HIS TEAM COULD NOT LAY DOWN A GOOD BUNT!

THE IDEA OF THE BUNT IS TO PLACE THE BALL IN SUCH A POSITION THAT NEITHER PITCHER, CATCHER NOR BASEMAN CAN FIELD IT...

I PUT IT **TOO CLOSE** TO THE PITCHER — HE'LL THROW OUT THE RUNNER FROM FIRST AT SECOND!

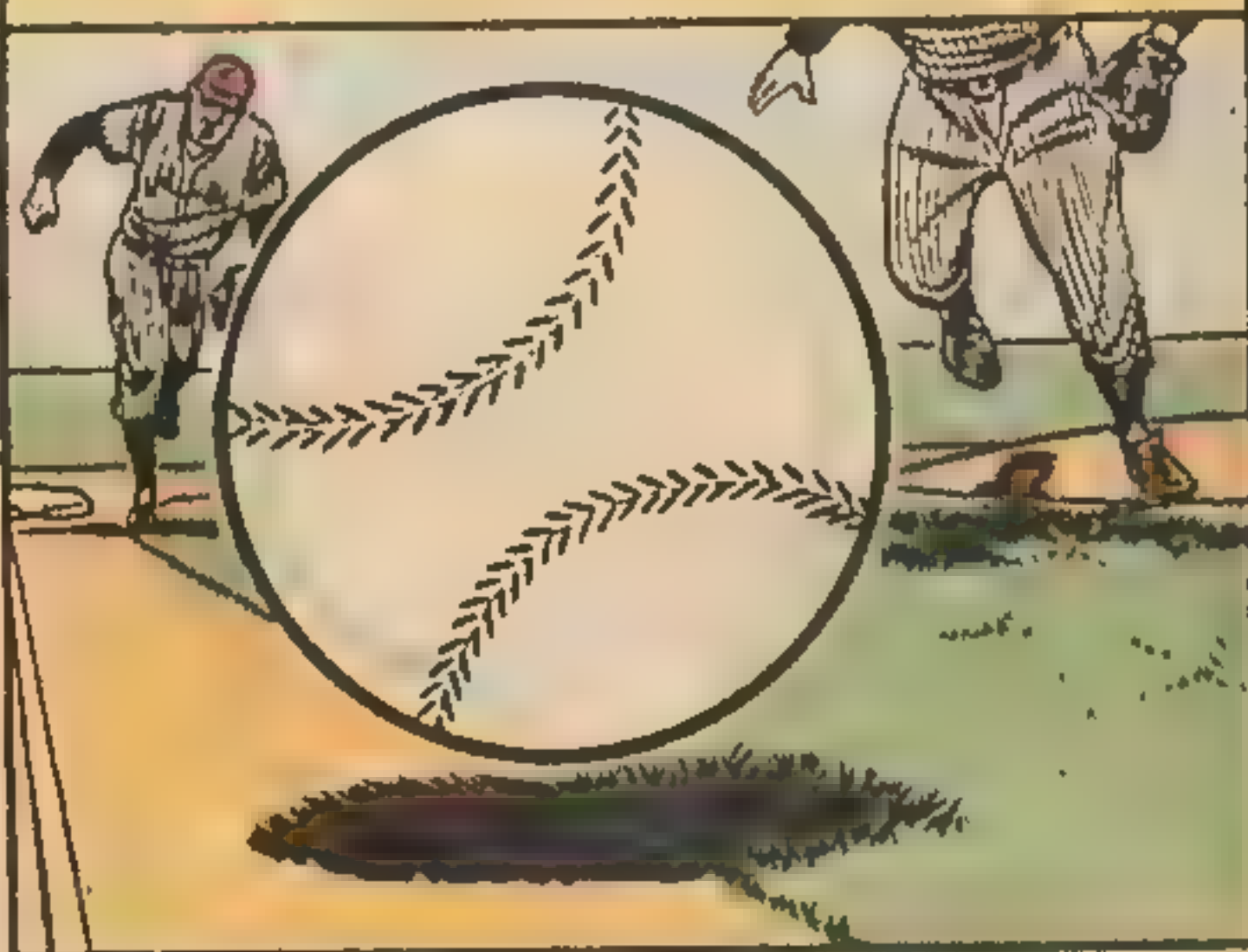


PLAYERS BUNT FOR TWO REASONS — TO GET A HIT, OR TO ADVANCE A RUNNER...

I'VE BEEN IN A SLUMP. MAYBE I CAN **BUNT** MY WAY ON.



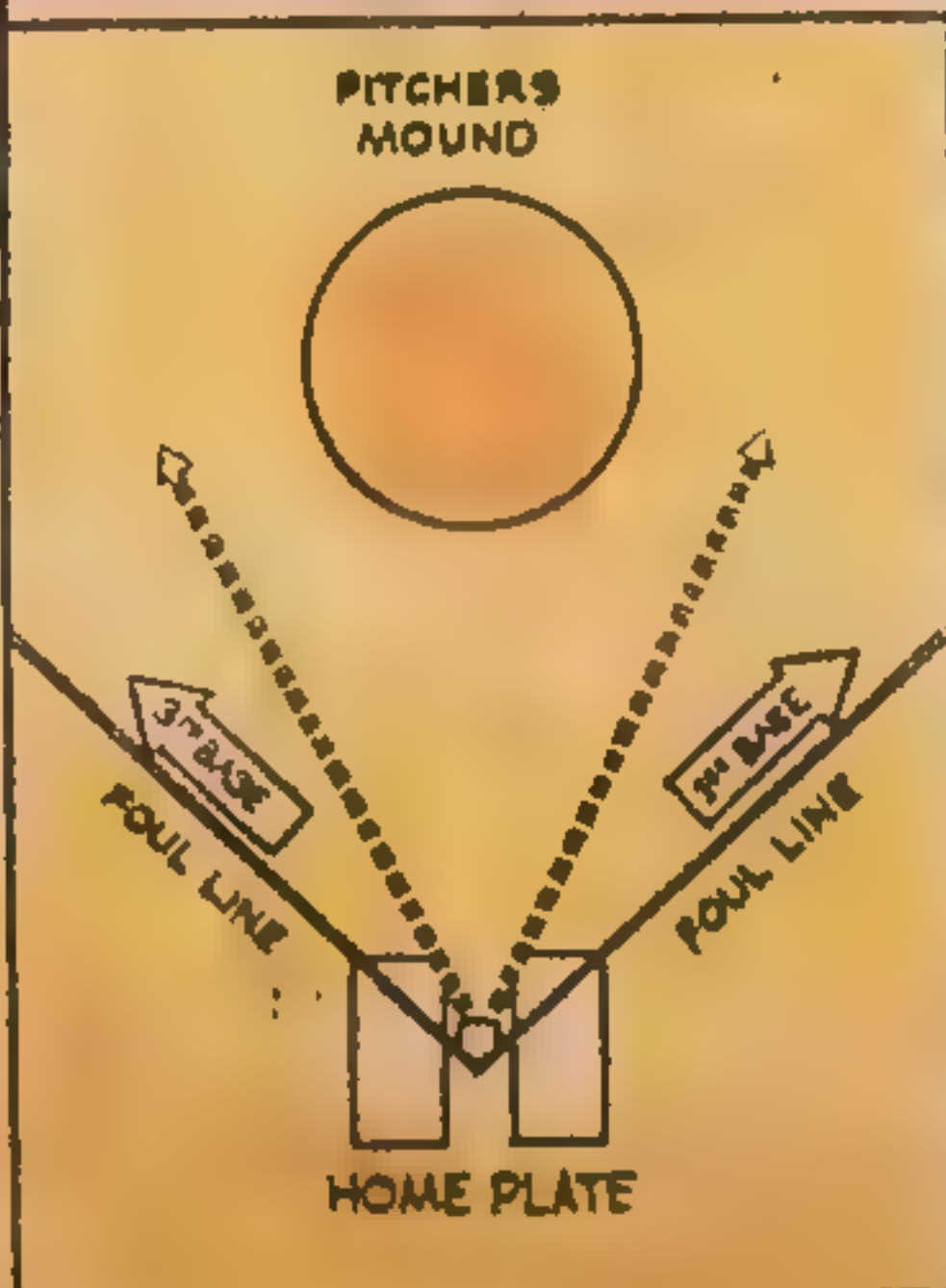
TO GET A HIT FROM A BUNT, IT MUST BE PLACED ALONG THE THIRD BASE LINE, SLOWLY...



OR ELSE A LONGER, FASTER BUNT PAST THE PITCHER, BUT TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE SECOND AND FIRST BASEMEN...

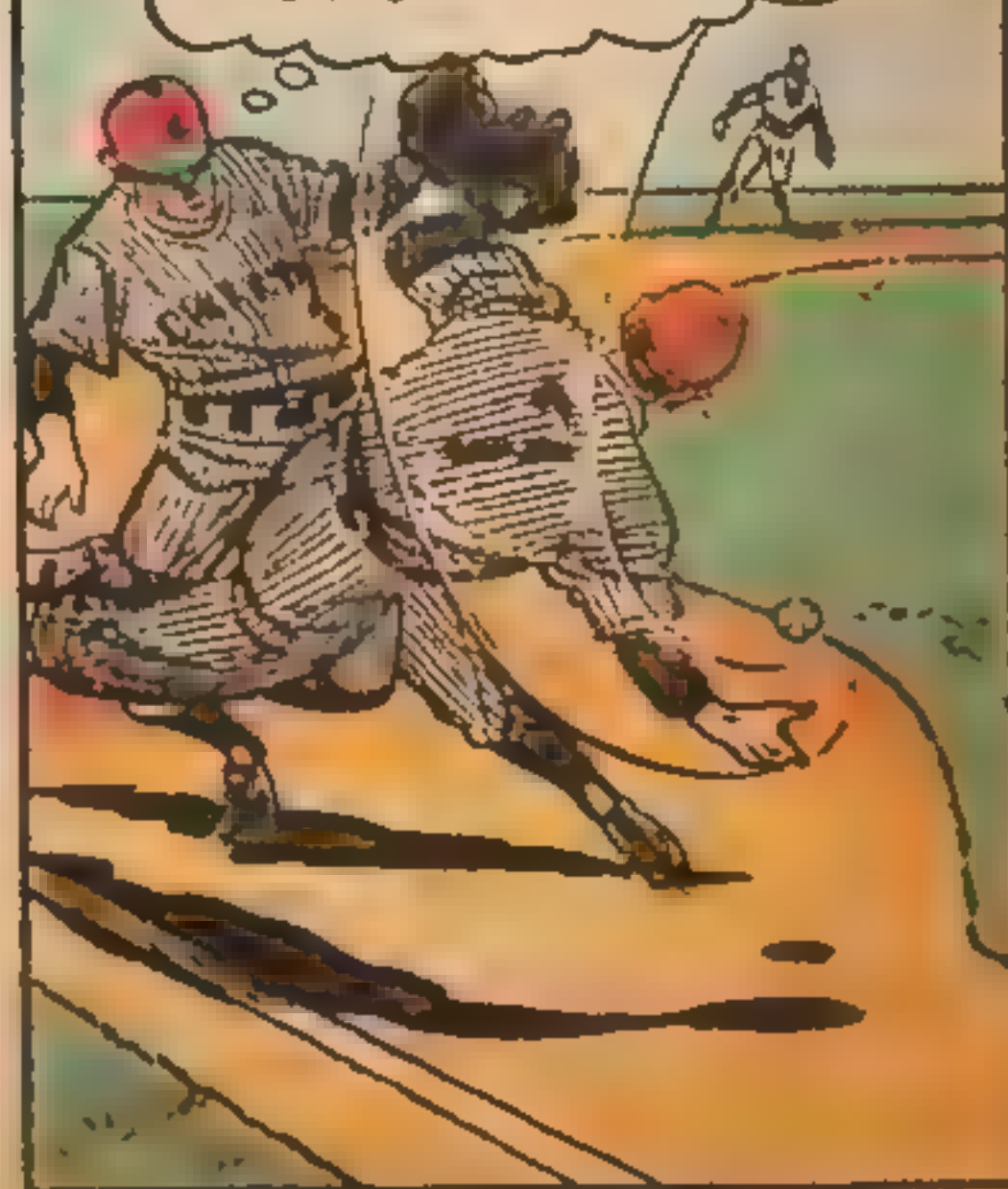


TO MAKE THE BUNT A SACRIFICE, TO ADVANCE A RUNNER, THE BALL IS PUT DOWN SOME DISTANCE FROM THE FOUL LINE BETWEEN THE PITCHER'S MOUND AND EITHER FOUL LINE...



A TOO-FAST BUNT ALONG THE THIRD BASE LINE, OR A TOO-SLOW BUNT TOWARD FIRST, OFTEN RESULTS IN THE DOUBLE PLAY!

WE'LL GET 'EM **BOTH** ON THIS PLAY — AND PULL ME OUT OF A JAM!

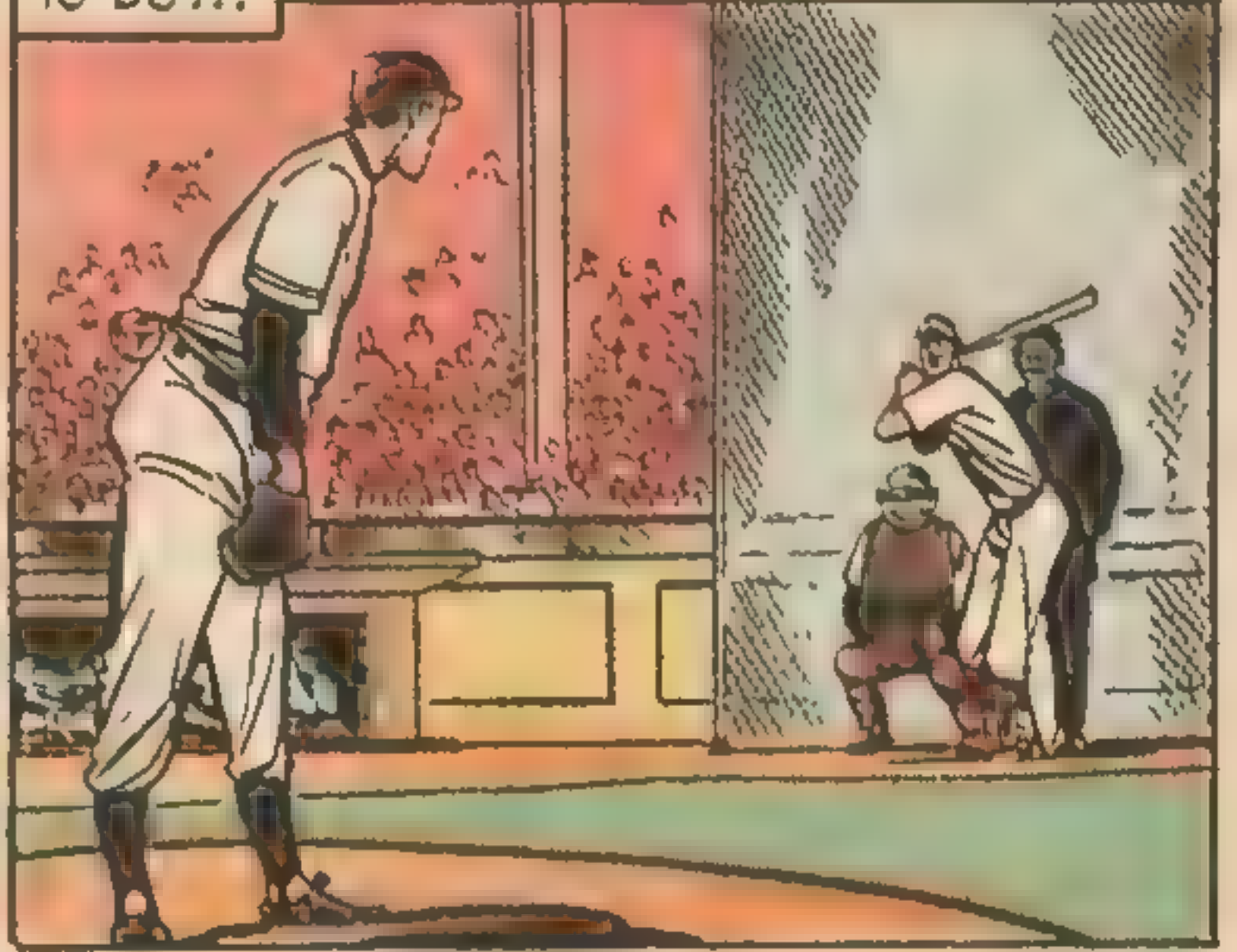


THIS IS THE PROPER STANCE WHEN BUNTING —

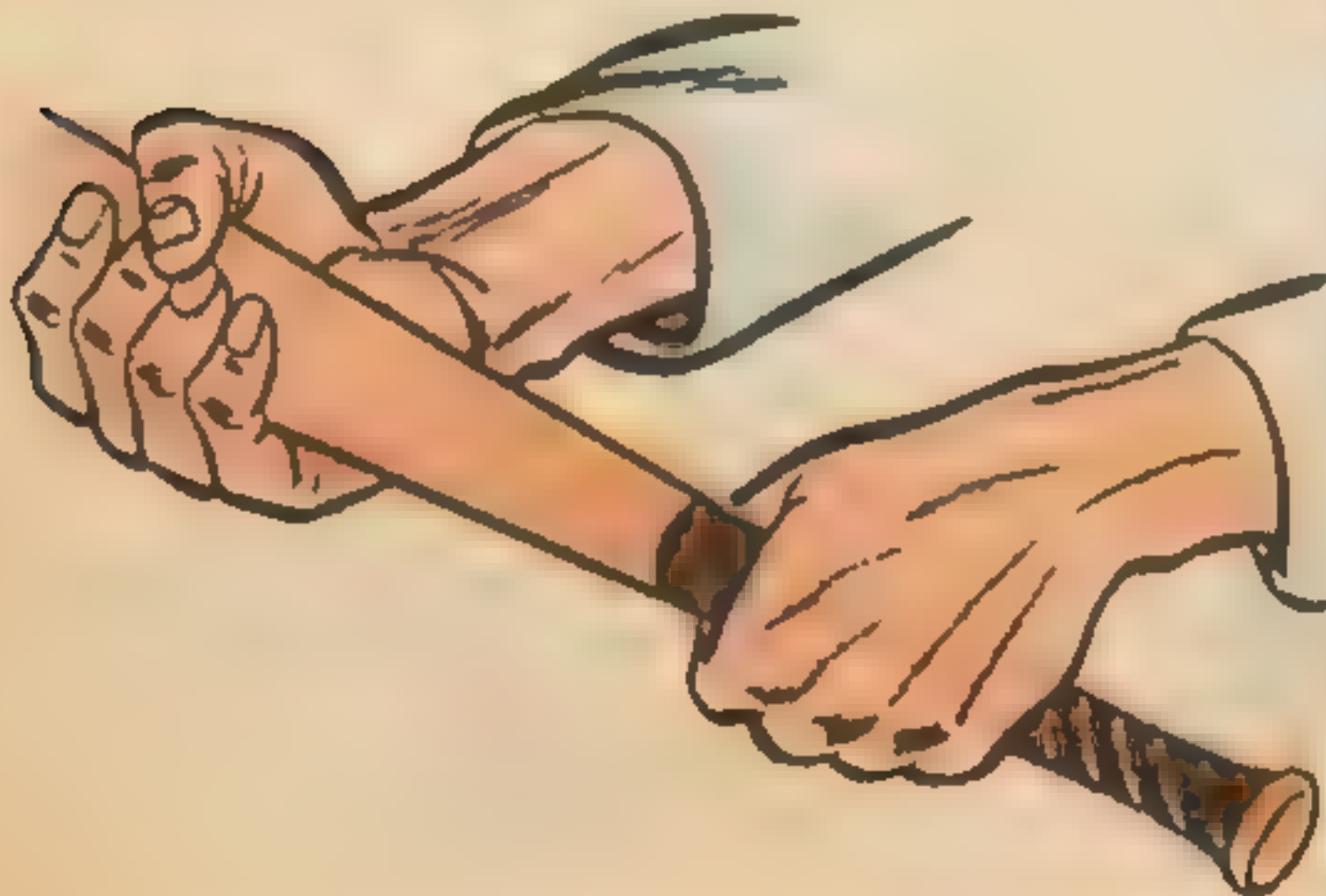
SOME PLAYERS USE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT STYLES, BUT THIS ONE ENABLES THE BATTER TO CONTROL THE BAT, TO DRAW IT BACK FROM A BALL, AND BUNT WHEN THE PITCH WOULD BE A STRIKE.



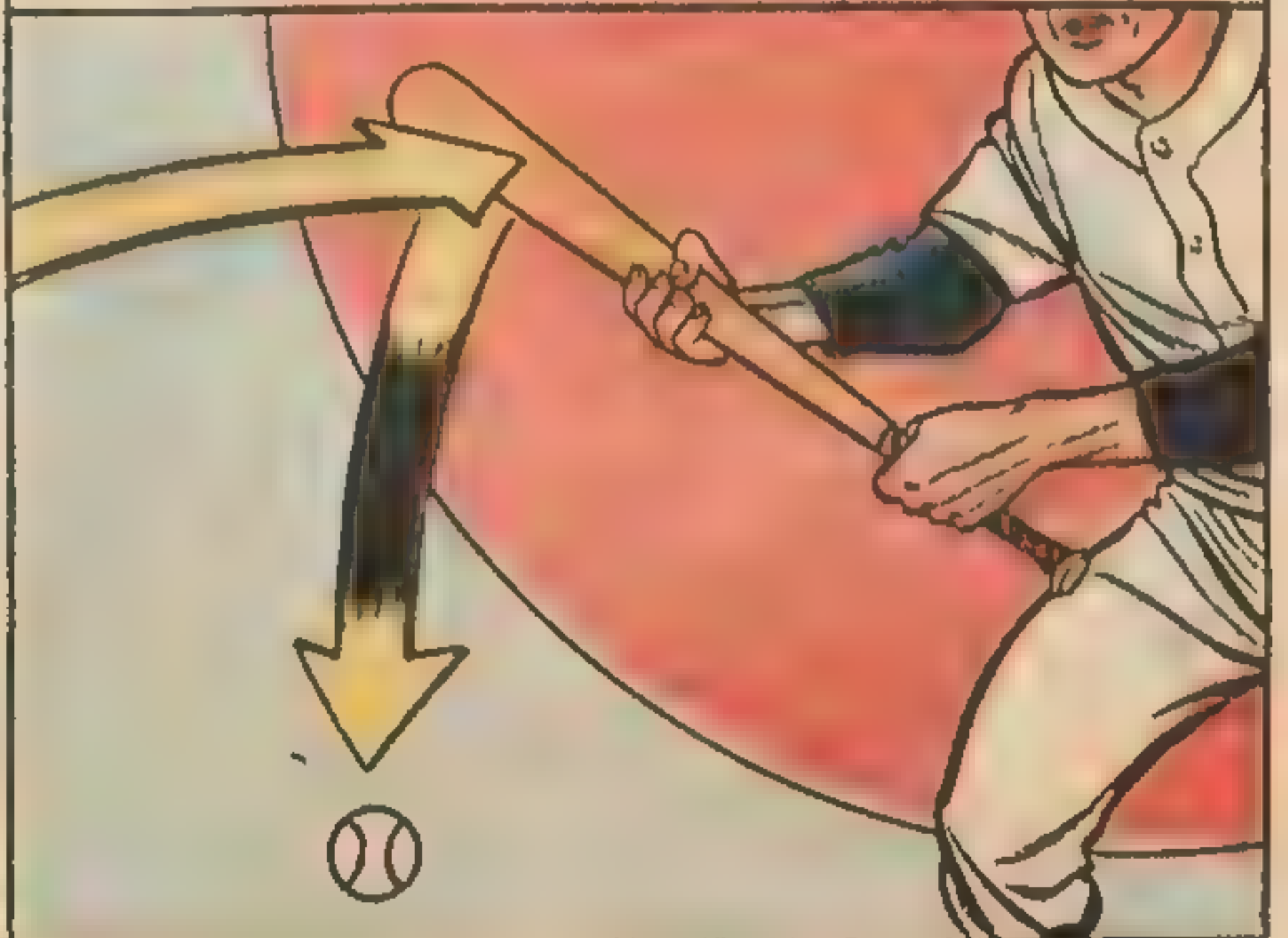
BEFORE ASSUMING THIS STANCE HOWEVER, THE SMART PLAYER ASSUMES HIS REGULAR OR NORMAL BATTING POSITION — LEST HE "TIP OFF" THE OTHER CLUB WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO...



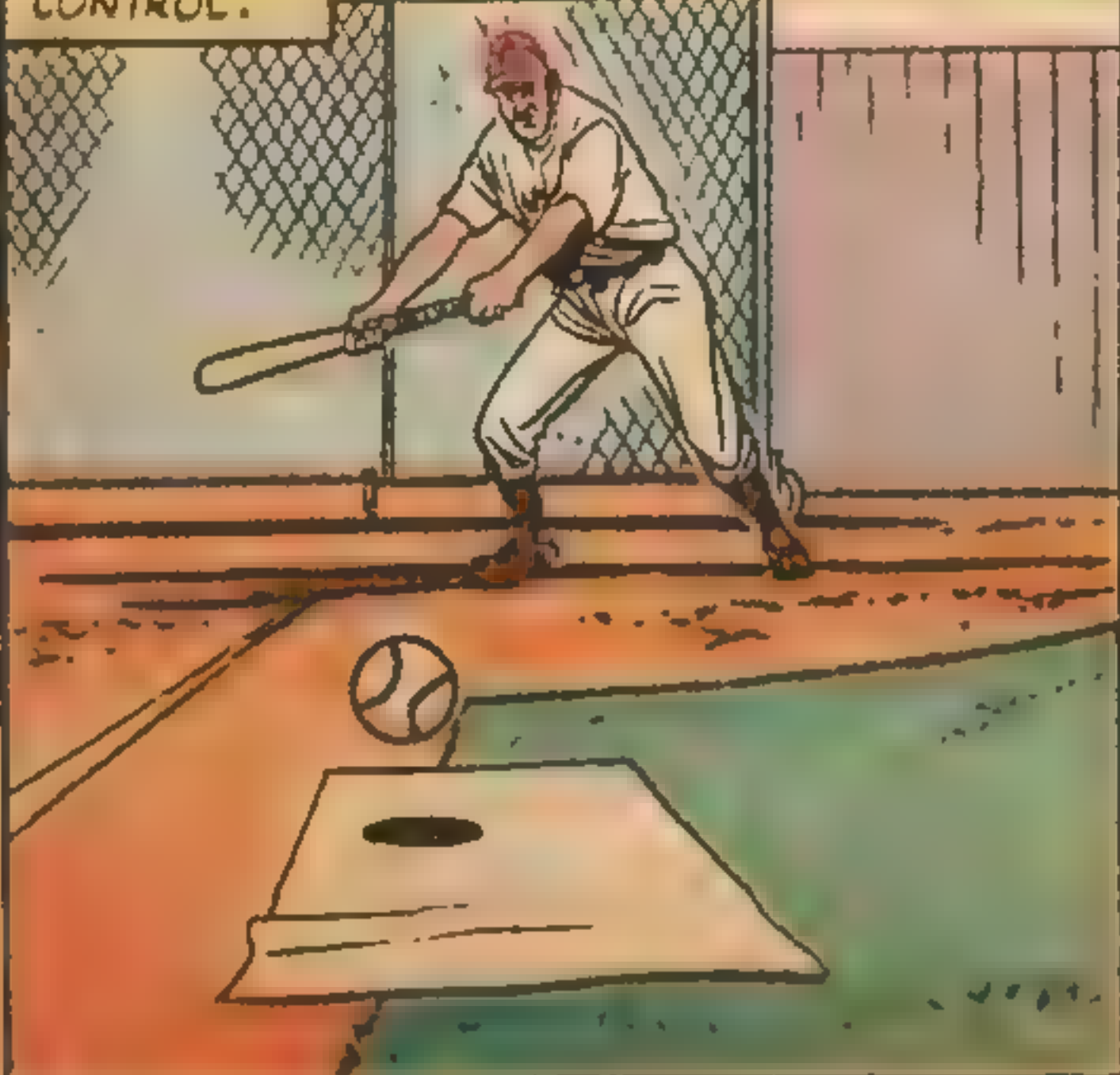
AS THE BALL IS PITCHED, THE BUNTER SLIDES HIS RIGHT HAND UP TO THE "MEAT" OF THE BAT, TURNS SLIGHTLY TO FACE THE PITCHER, AND KEEPS HIS LEFT HAND AT THE THIN HANDLE OF THE BAT. THIS GIVES HIM GREATER CONTROL OF THE BAT...



JUST TOUCH THE BAT TO THE BALL — THE MOMENTUM OF THE BALL FURNISHES ALL THE POWER YOU NEED...



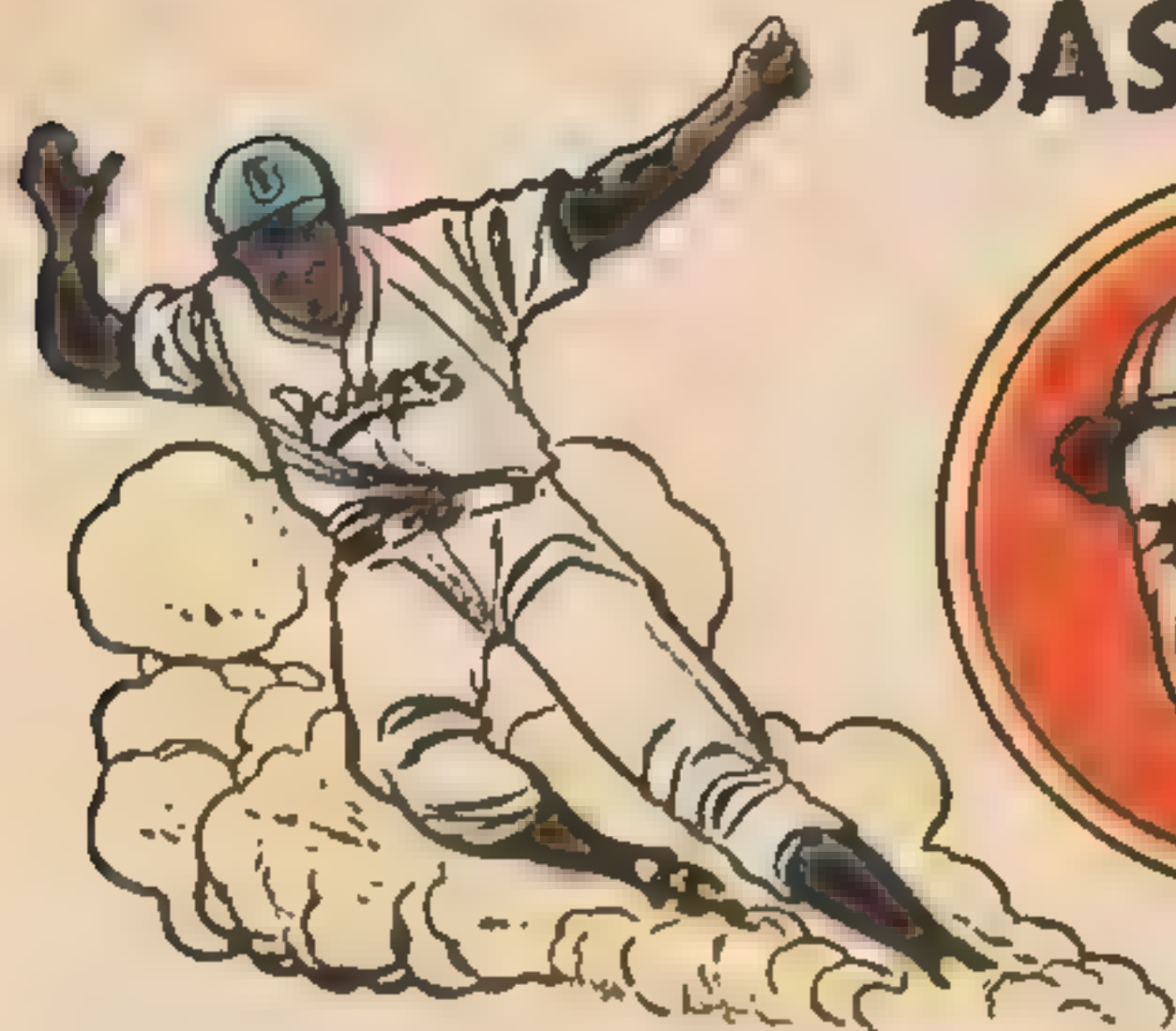
DURING SPRING TRAINING, SOME MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS PUT A HANDKERCHIEF ON THE GROUND, AT A SPOT WHERE THEY WANT TO LAY THE BALL. THIS TEACHES THEM CONTROL.



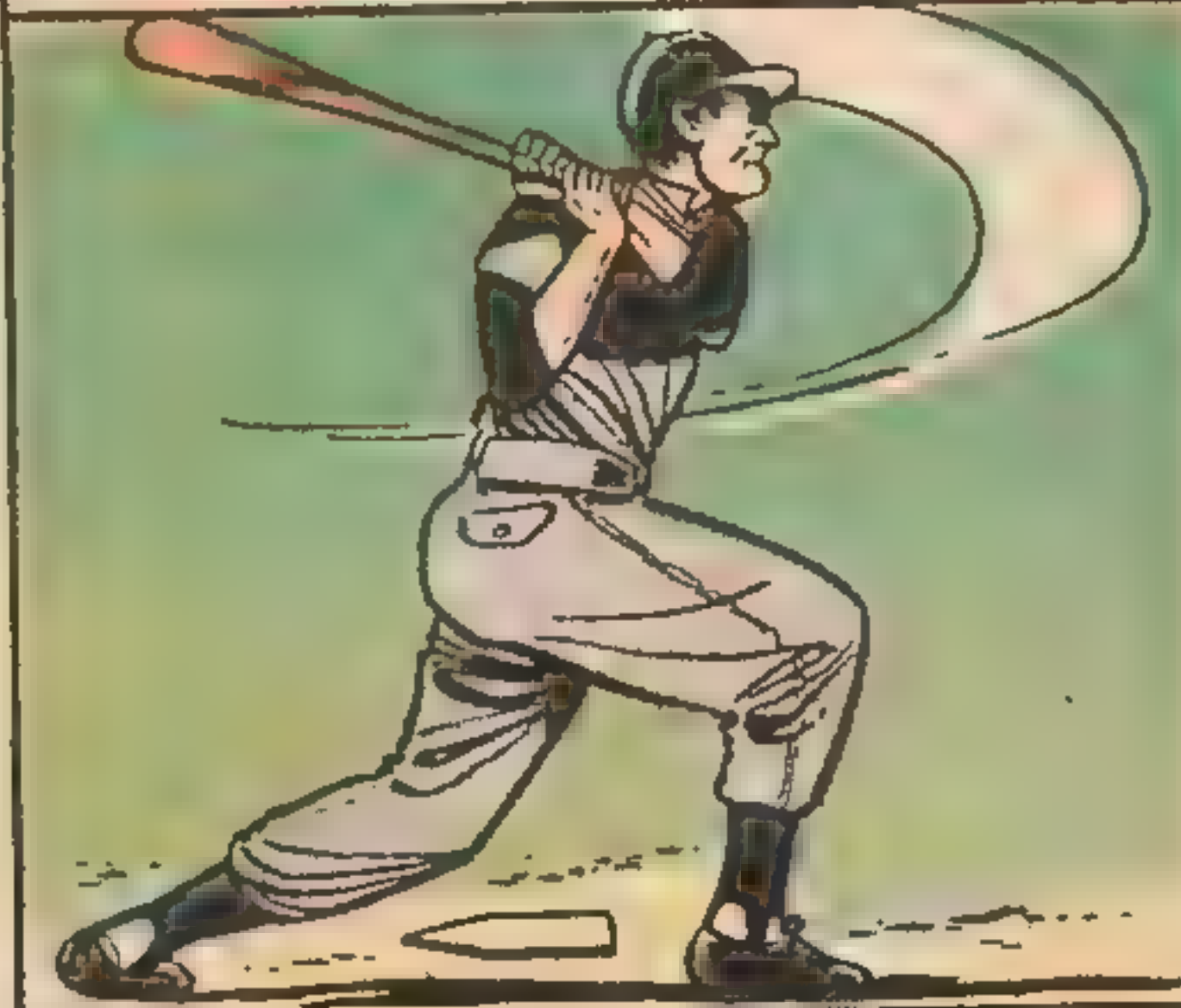
EVEN THE MAJOR-LEAGUERS PRACTICE BUNTING FOR HOURS. MANAGER CHUCK DRESSEN OF THE DODGERS INSISTED ON IT AS A REGULAR PART OF THE TRAINING CURRICULUM THIS SPRING. SO YOU PRACTICE IT, TOO! MAYBE IT WILL WIN BALL GAMES FOR YOUR TEAM THIS SUMMER!



DAREDEVILS OF THE BASEPATHS

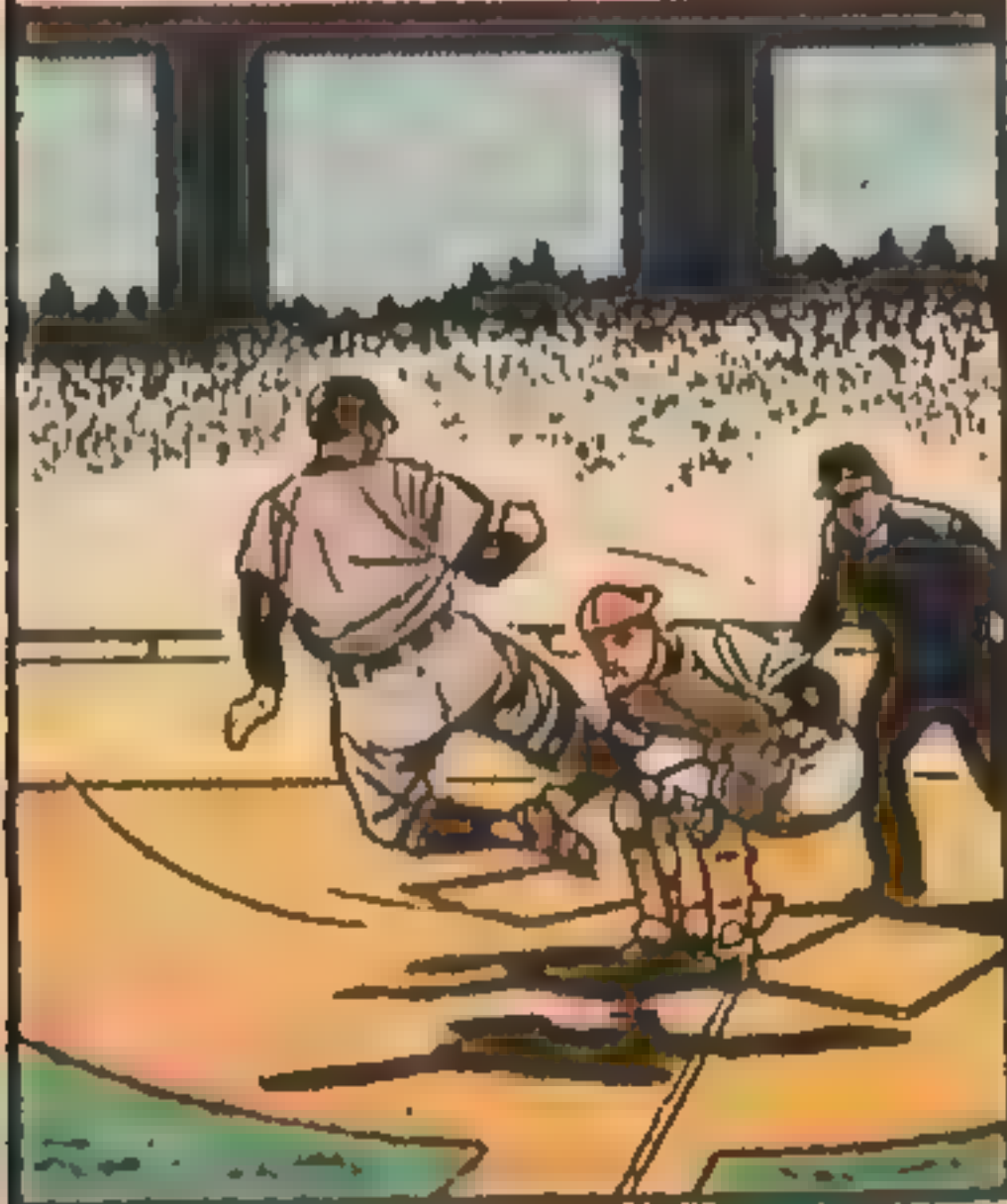


TY COBB RULED THE BASEBALL WORLD FROM HIS ROOKIE YEAR, 1905, TO THE DAY WHEN HE HUNG UP HIS SPIKES IN 1928. HIS LIFETIME BATTERING AVERAGE FOR 24 FULL YEARS (3033 GAMES) IS **.367!**



TWO OF THE MOST DARING BASERUNNERS IN THE LONG AND COLORFUL HISTORY OF BASEBALL ARE **TY COBB** AND **JACKIE ROBINSON**. THEIR EXCITING DEEDS ON THE BASEPATHS ARE BYWORDS WHEREVER MEN SPEAK OF BASEBALL—AND HERE'S WHY...!

BUT IT WAS ON THE BASEPATHS THAT COBB REALLY SHONE. HE STOLE 892 BASES—AS MANY AS 92 IN ONE SEASON!

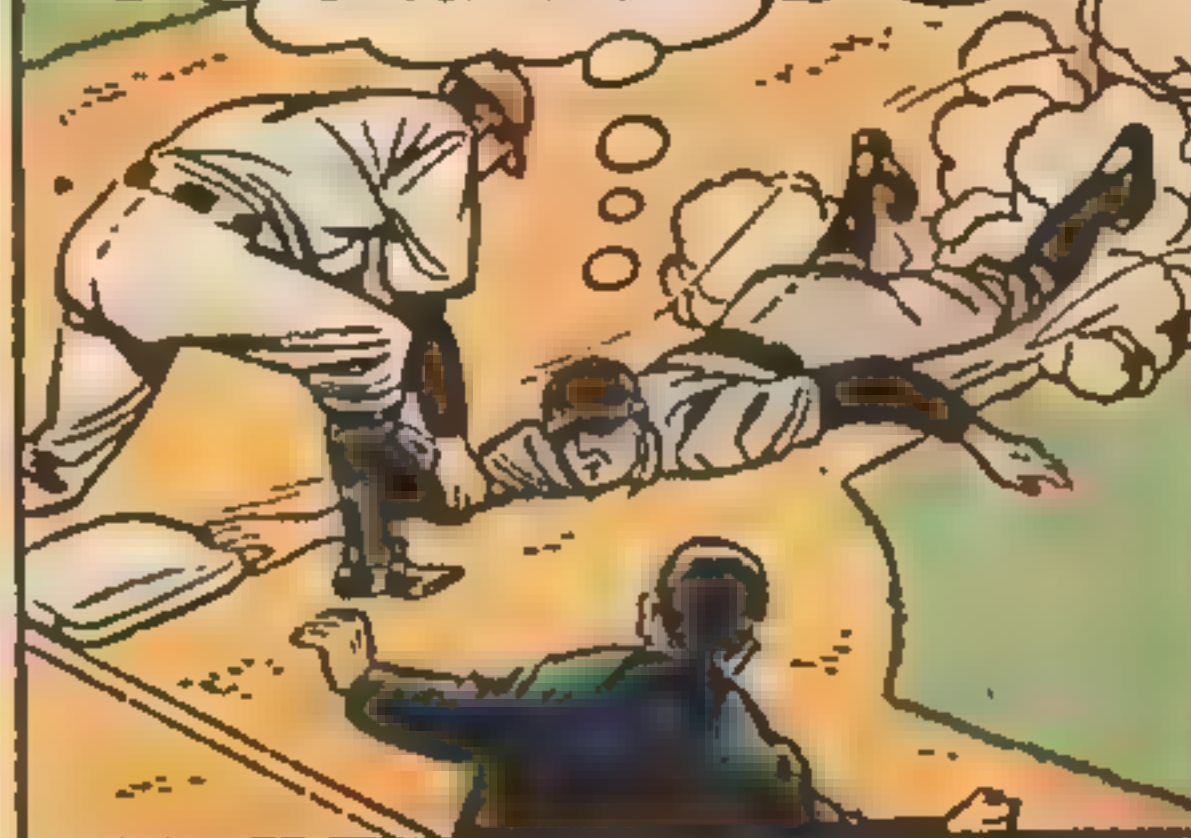


TY WOULD OFTEN STATION HIMSELF BETWEEN BASES—AND DARE THE PITCHER TO THROW...



HIS BASERUNNING TACTICS UPSET THE OPPOSITION, CAUSING THEM TO COMMIT BLUNDERS. **COBB WOULD PLAN ALL SEASON FOR A SINGLE PLAY—**

I'VE GONE AROUND THIRD, OVERRUNNING IT, ALL SEASON! THEIR FIRST BASEMAN ALWAYS THROWS OVER HERE TO TRY AND CATCH ME...



THAT FIRST BASEMAN *NEVER* GETS ME OUT AT THIRD WHEN I OVERRUN IT, BUT IT'S GOTTEN SO THAT HE MAKES THE THROW *AUTOMATICALLY!*



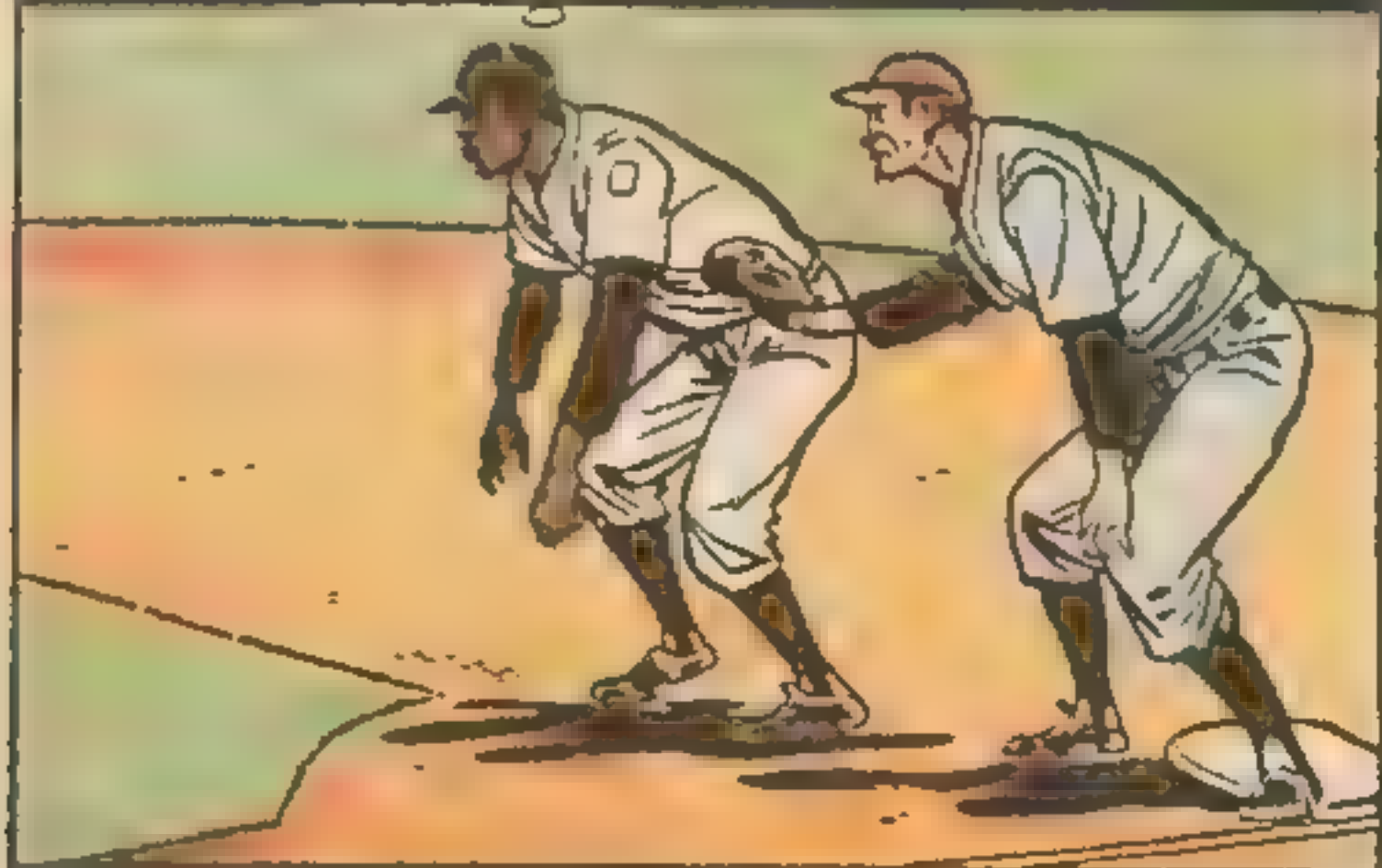
SO, IN A LATER GAME AGAINST THE SAME TEAM...

NOW HE EXPECTS ME TO *SLIDE BACK*—BUT IN THIS TIGHT BALL GAME, I'LL KEEP *ON GOING!* I'LL SCORE ALL THE WAY FROM SECOND, BECAUSE THE FIRST BASEMAN WILL *AUTOMATICALLY THROW TO THIRD—AND NOT TO HOME PLATE!*



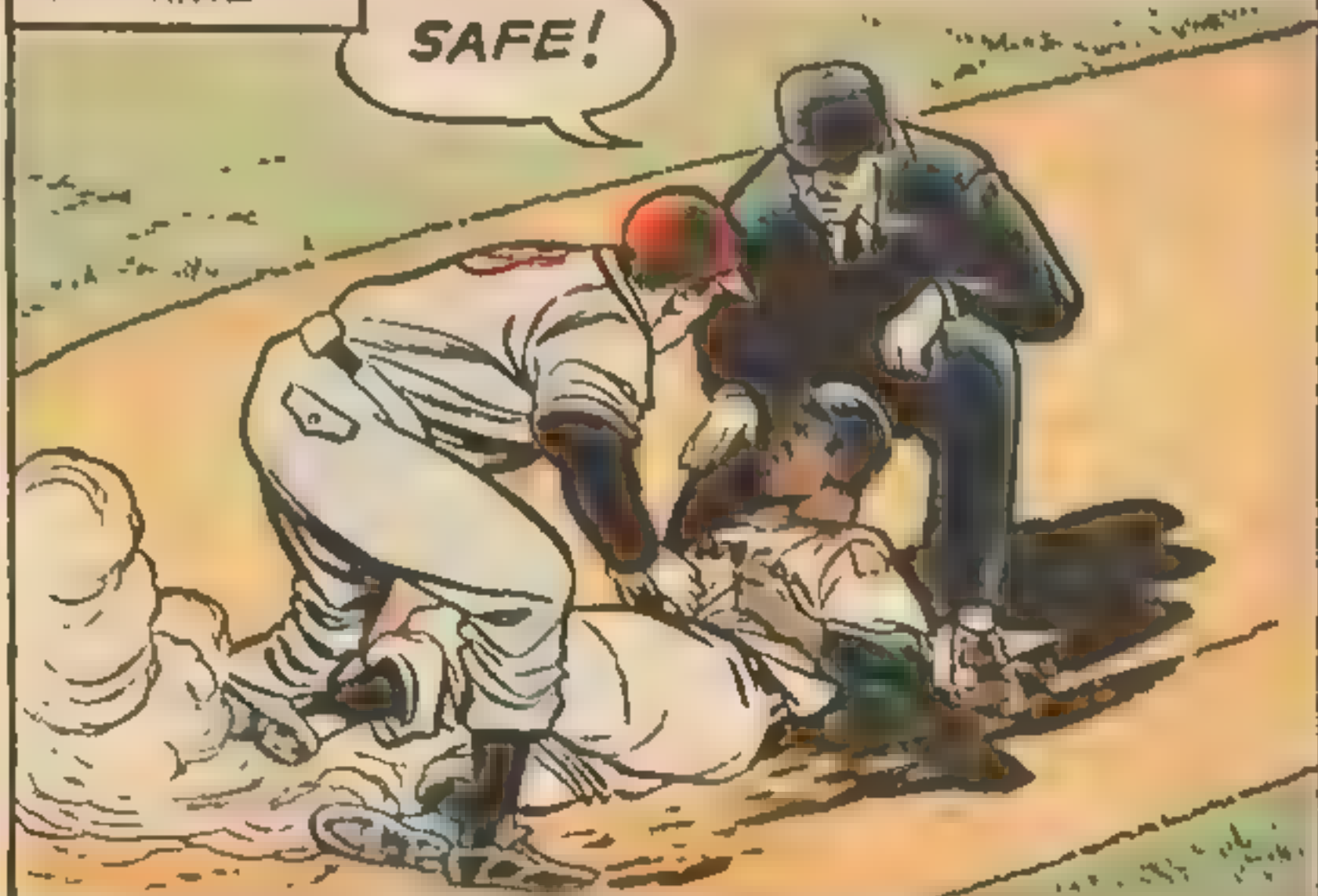
THE CLOSEST APPROACH TO COBB IN BASEBALL TODAY IS **JACKIE ROBINSON**, GREAT DODGER SECOND BASEMAN. (AT LEAST HE WAS PLAYING SECOND WHEN THIS WAS WRITTEN!)

NEXT TIME HE PITCHES— I'M GOING DOWN!



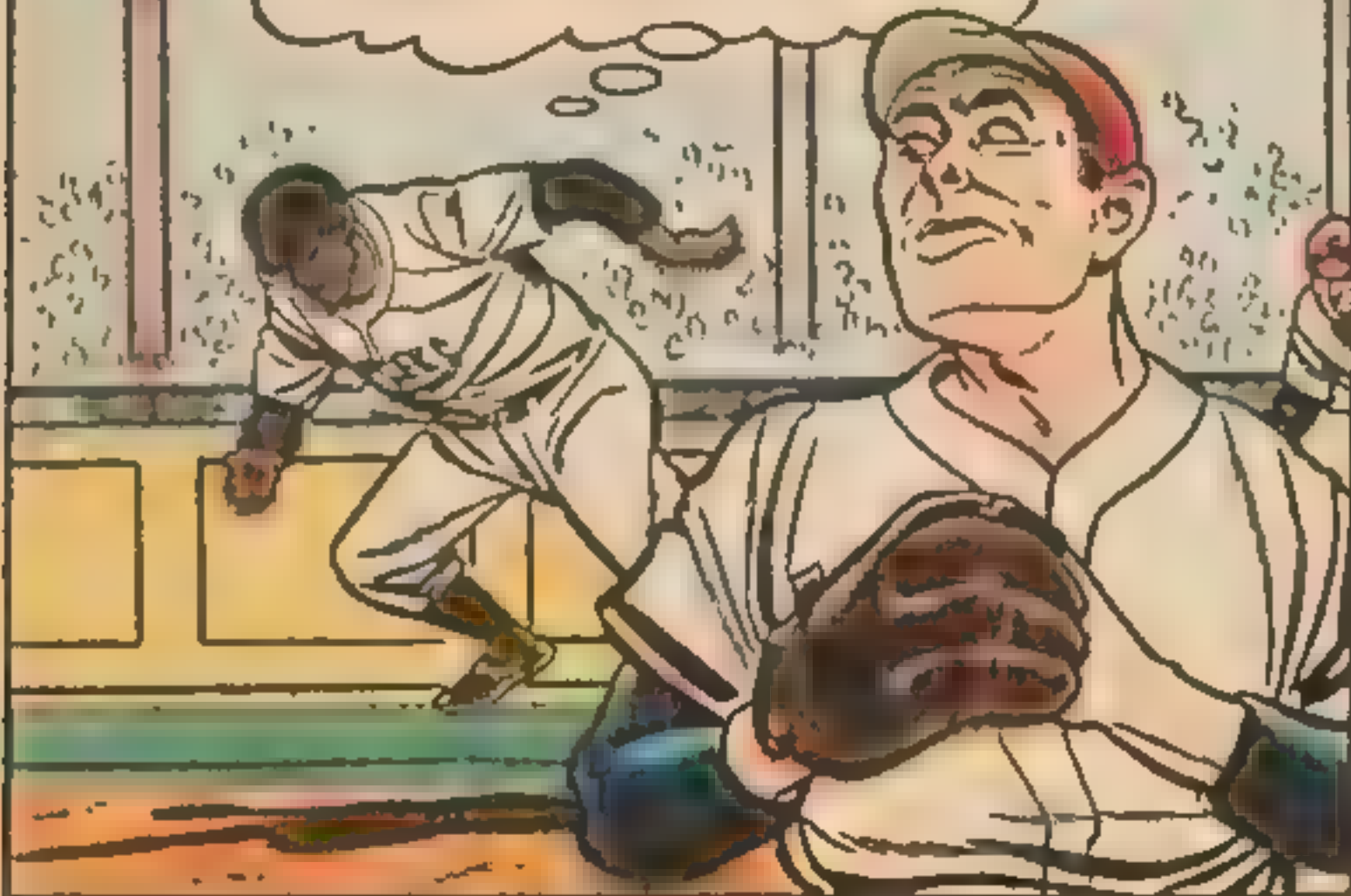
JACKIE STUDIES HIS OPPOSING PITCHERS, DAY IN AND DAY OUT. HE KNOWS THEIR MANNERISMS, WHEN THEY PITCH AND WHEN THEY THROW TO FIRST. THIS ENABLES HIM TO GET THE JUMP ALL THE TIME ...

SAFE!



THE DODGER DAREDEVIL IS TOUGH ENOUGH ON FIRST BASE — BUT WHEN HE REACHES THIRD, HE IS COMPLETELY UNNERVING TO THE OPPOSING PITCHER...

I'M NOT STEALING HOME **THIS** TIME — BUT **HE** DOESN'T KNOW THAT!



DODGER HITTERS GET PLENTY OF BASES ON BALLS WHEN THEY FOLLOW JACKIE IN THE LINEUP... BECAUSE THE PITCHER IS WORRYING ABOUT WHAT JACKIE WILL DO, RATHER THAN ABOUT WHAT **THEY** WILL DO...

THAT'S ONE MORE BASE ON BALLS I OWE TO JACK!



THE EXCITED YIPPING OF A CROWD WHEN ROBINSON GETS ON BASE REVEALS MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE WHAT A SHOW HE PUTS ON...

THERE HE GOES!

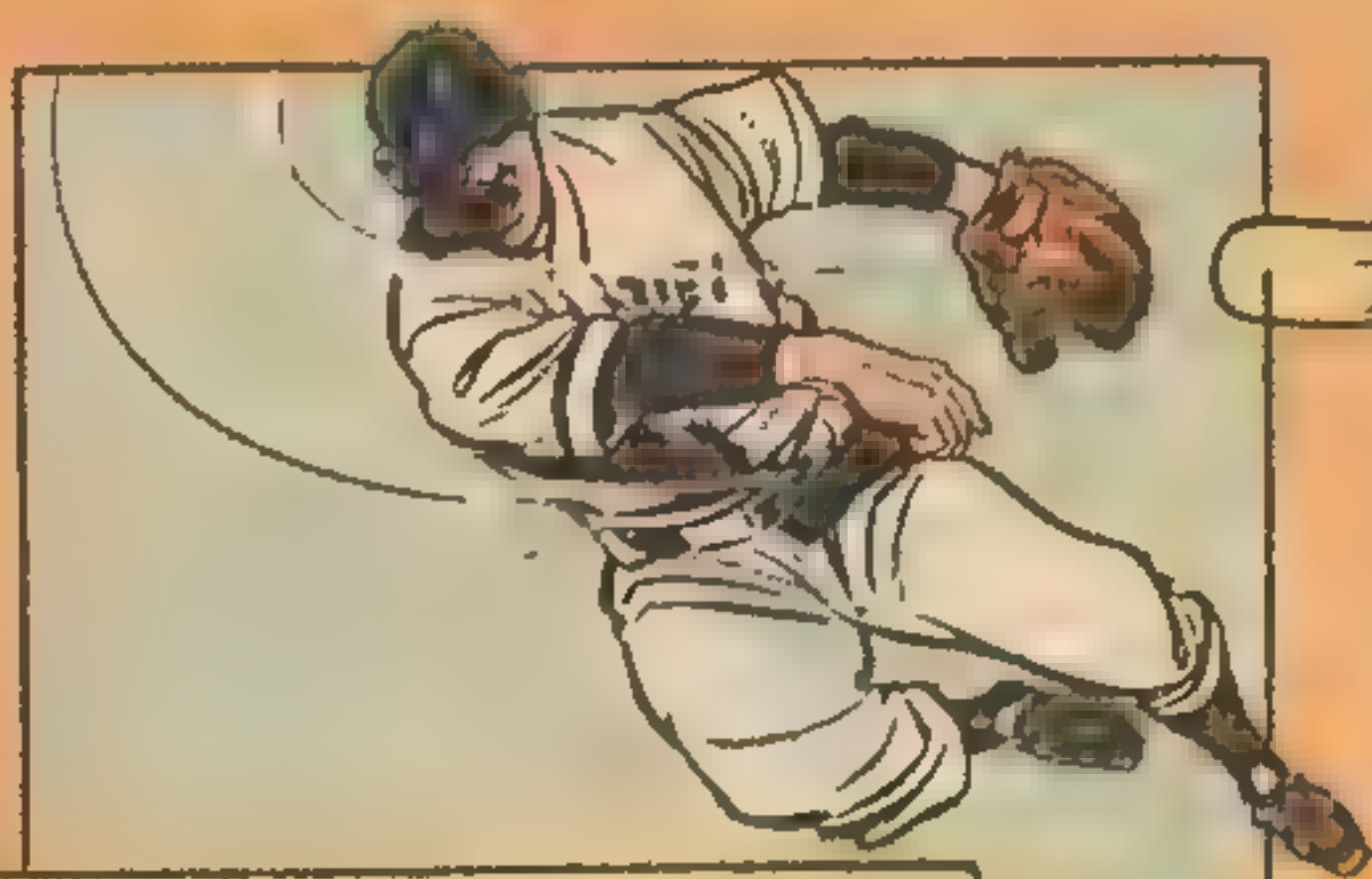
LOOK! LOOK! A WILD THROW! MAYBE HE'LL EVEN SCORE!



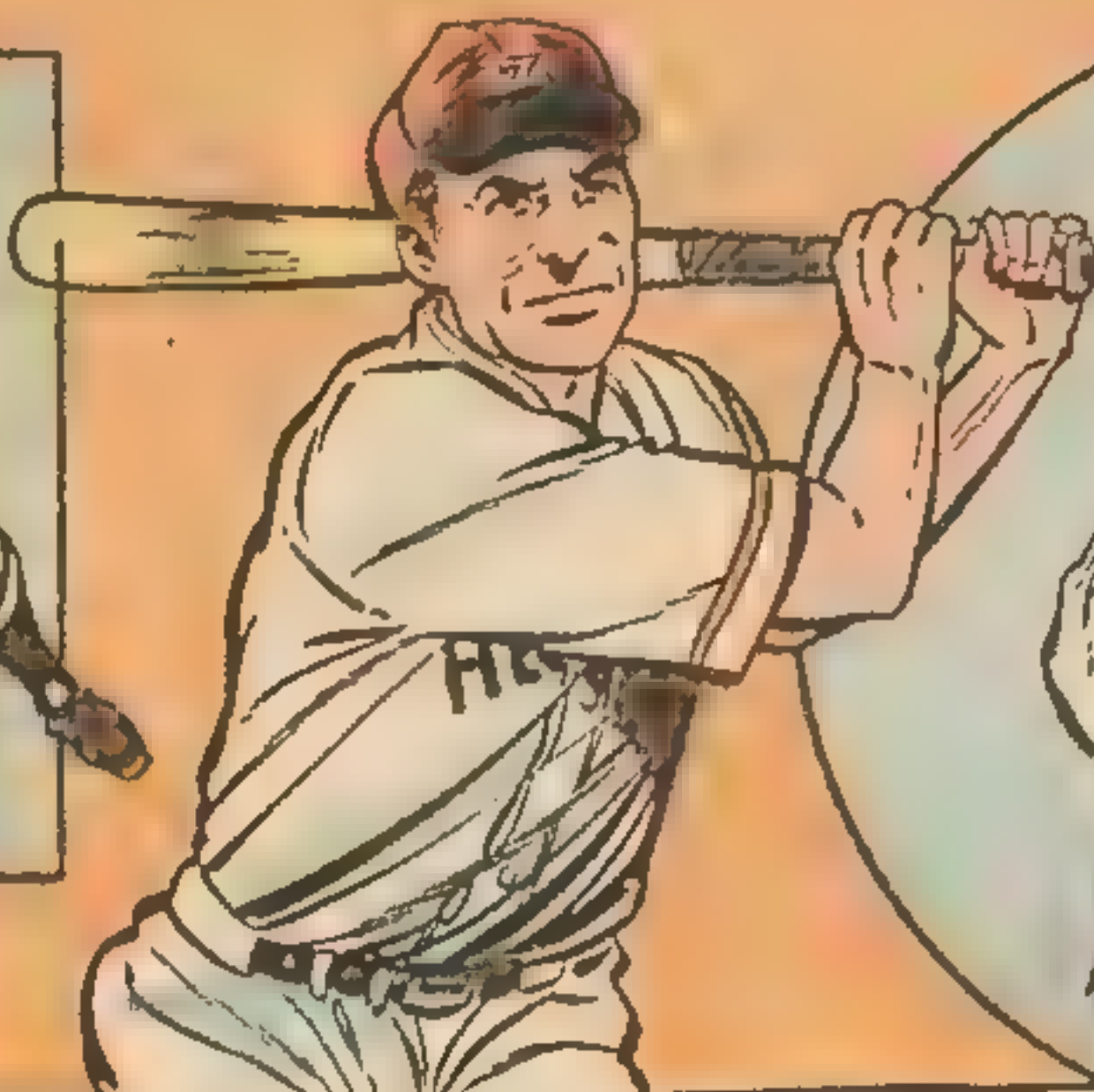
COMPARED TO COBB'S, JACKIE'S RECORDS ARE NOT TOO AMAZING ON PAPER — BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED! THE FIELD TODAY IS NEATER. EQUIPMENT IS OF THE BEST. EVERY PLAYER ON THE FIELD IS A STAR. EXPERTS AGREE — IF JACKIE AND TY HAD PLAYED SIDE BY SIDE ON THE BASES, THEY WOULD BE EQUALS...



PLAYING THE OUTFIELD

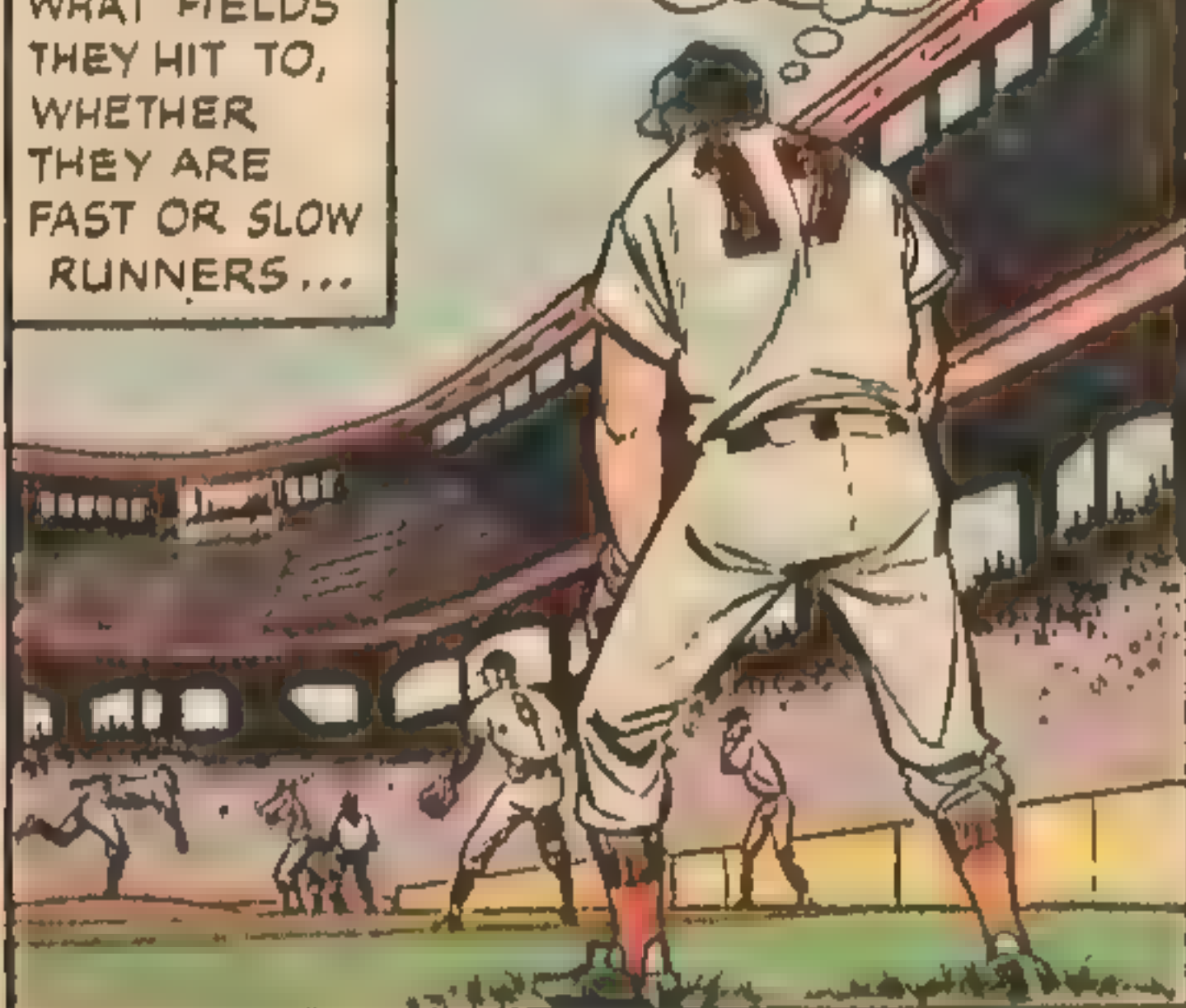


EVERYONE SEES THE OUTFIELDER CATCH FLY BALLS - BUT NOT EVERYONE REALIZES THE OTHER DUTIES THAT GO TO MAKE UP THE ACCOMPLISHED "PICKET GARDENER."



HE MUST KNOW THE OPPOSING BATTERS - WHAT FIELDS THEY HIT TO, WHETHER THEY ARE FAST OR SLOW RUNNERS...

THIS GUY USUALLY HITS IN MY DIRECTION - AND HE'S SLOW!



MORE THAN ONCE, BY PLAYING HEADS-UP BALL, DIXIE WALKER OF THE DODGERS THREW OUT RUNNERS AFTER THEY GOT A HIT AND WENT JUST A LITTLE BIT TOO FAR AROUND FIRST BASE...

YOU'RE OUT!



AN OUTFIELDER SHOULD NEVER BACK UP ON A BALL HIT TO HIM. BY RUNNING IN ON IT, HE MAY FIND THAT HE CAN CATCH IT, OR HE MAY BE ABLE TO RELAY IT IN TO TRAP AN UNWARY BASERUNNER...

THE FIRST THING A MAJOR-LEAGUE OUTFIELDER DOES WHEN HE COMES ONTO THE FIELD IS LOOK AT THE PENNANTS. THEY TELL HIM IN WHICH DIRECTION THE WIND IS BLOWING. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ON BALLS HIT HIGH IN THE AIR...

THE "SUNFIELD" - THAT FIELD ON WHICH THE SUN SHINES DIRECTLY - GIVES MANY OUTFIELDERS TROUBLE. BESIDES WEARING THE BEST SUNGLASSES HE CAN OBTAIN, AN OUTER GARDENER SHOULD PLAY THE BALL TO THE SIDE OF THE SUN - NEVER DIRECTLY INTO IT...

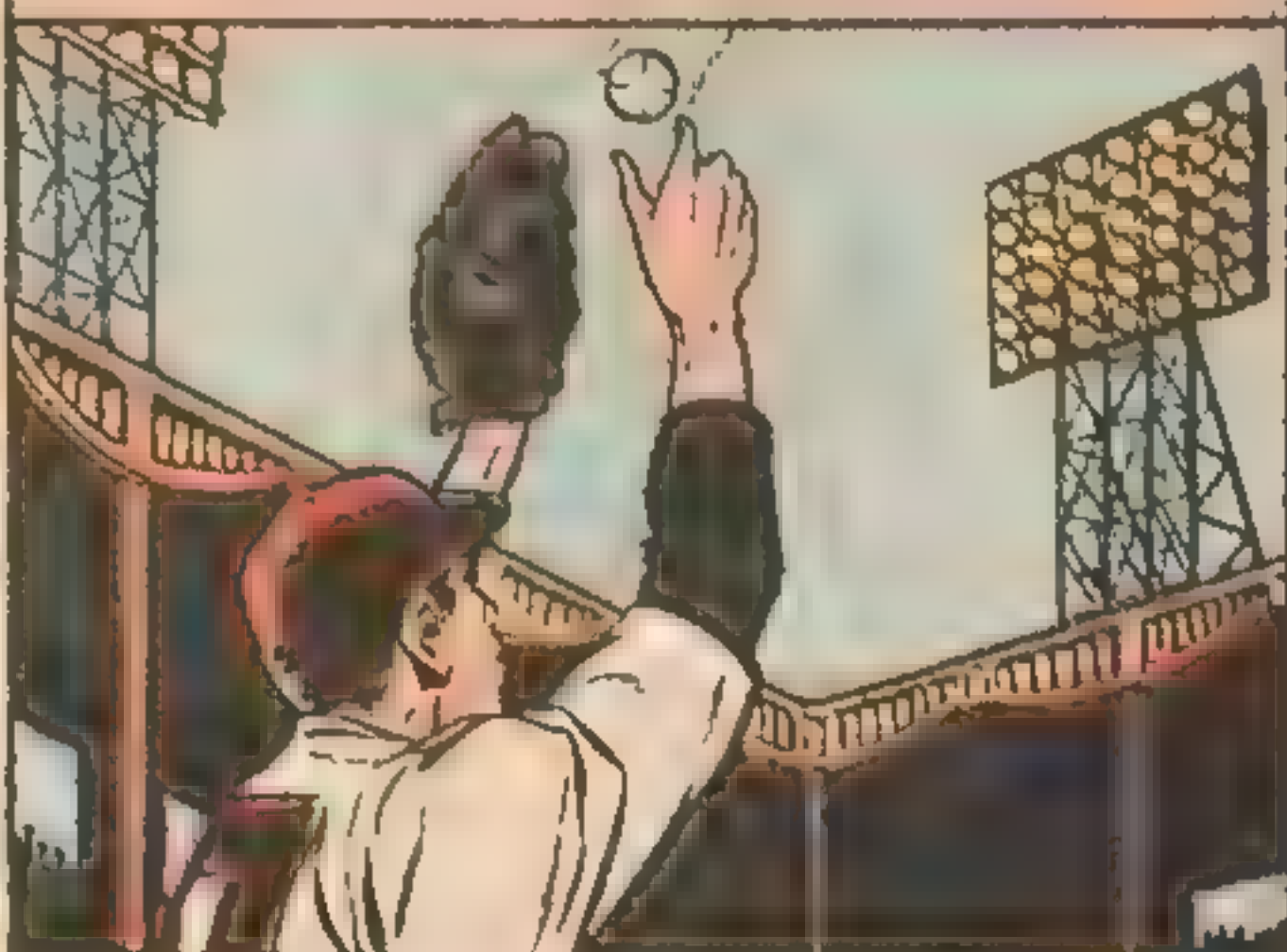


IN THROWING THE BALL THE OUT-FIELDER SHOULD KEEP IT LOW, AND GET IT TO THE INFIELD ON ONE BOUNCE—FOR A POSSIBLE PICKOFF PLAY ON AN OVER-EAGER BASERUNNER.

HE'S GOING INTO THIRD, JIM! YOU CAN GET HIM, THANKS TO THAT ONE-HOP THROW!



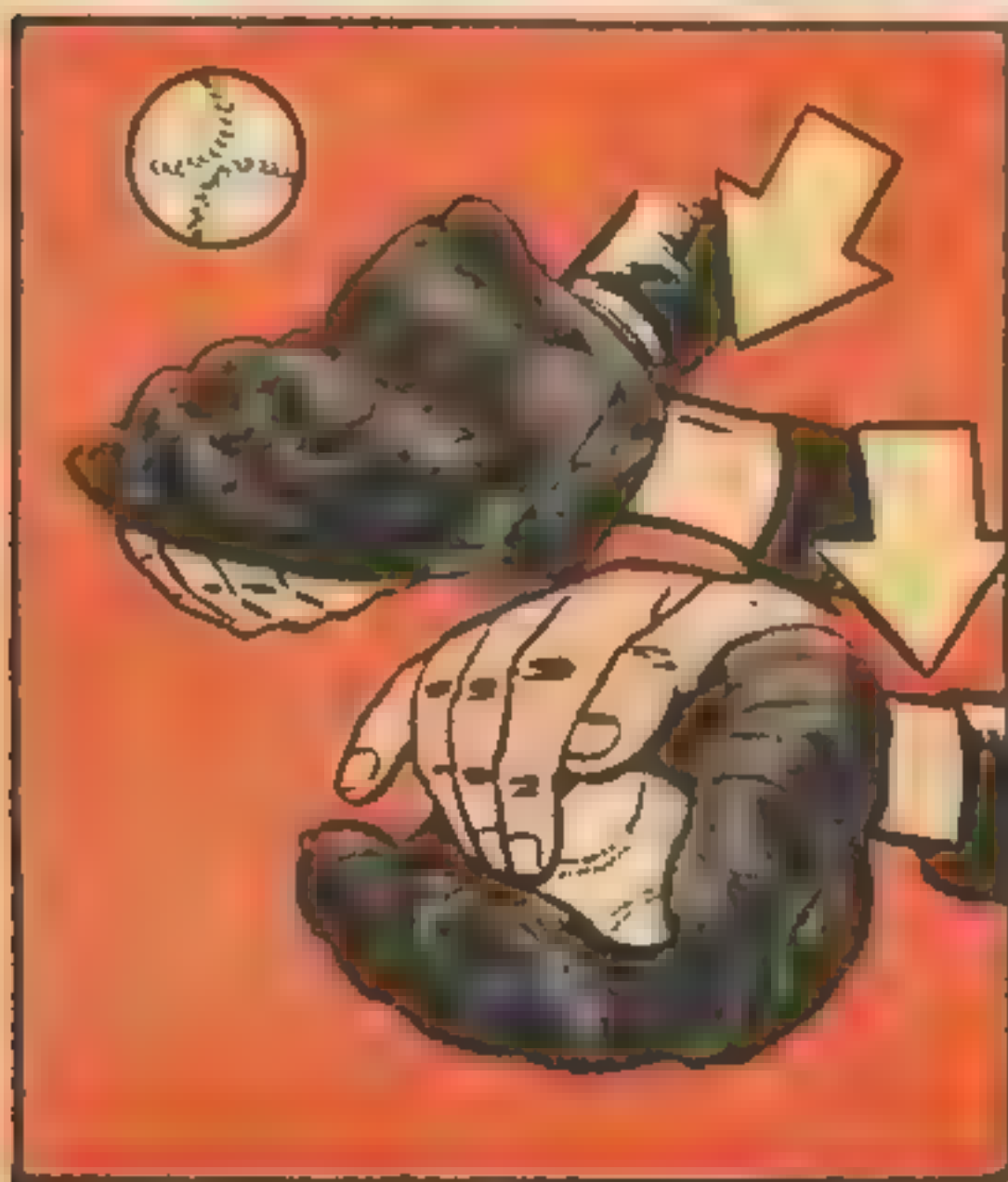
IN CATCHING THE FLY BALL, MAKE THE CATCH ABOVE THE WAIST. IN THAT WAY, IF YOU BOBBLE OR DROP THE BALL, YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO RE-CATCH IT BEFORE IT HITS THE GROUND...



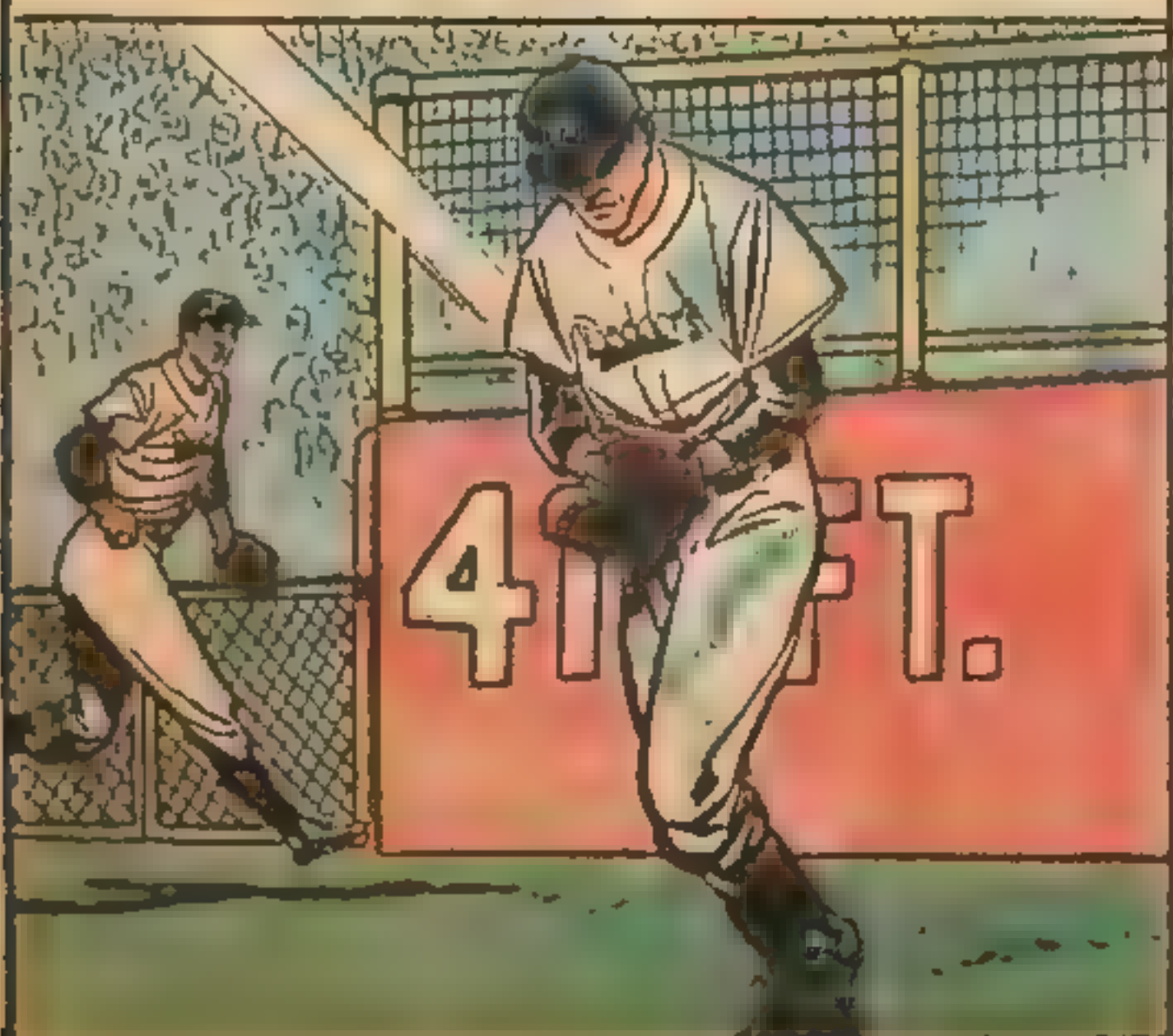
MOREOVER, IN MAKING THE CATCH, GIVE WITH THE HANDS, MAKING THEM "SOFT". THIS IS WHAT IS MEANT BY AN OUTFIELDER HAVING "SOFT HANDS". THERE IS LESS CHANCE OF A BALL BOUNCING OUT WHEN CAUGHT WITH SOFT HANDS!

TRIS SPEAKER, GREATEST OF ALL OUTFIELDERS, PLAYED A SHALLOW CENTER FIELD. THIS ALLOWED HIM TO COME IN ON LOW, SINKING DRIVES, TO MAKE PUTOUTS OF POTENTIAL SINGLES.

SPEAKER— WHO HAS MADE UN-ASSISTED DOUBLE PLAYS WITH THIS TECHNIQUE—CLAIMS THAT BY PLAYING SHALLOW HE PLAYS A BETTER GRADE OF OUTFIELD FOR HIS TEAM, FOR HE CAN ALWAYS RUN BACK FOR THE LONG BALL.



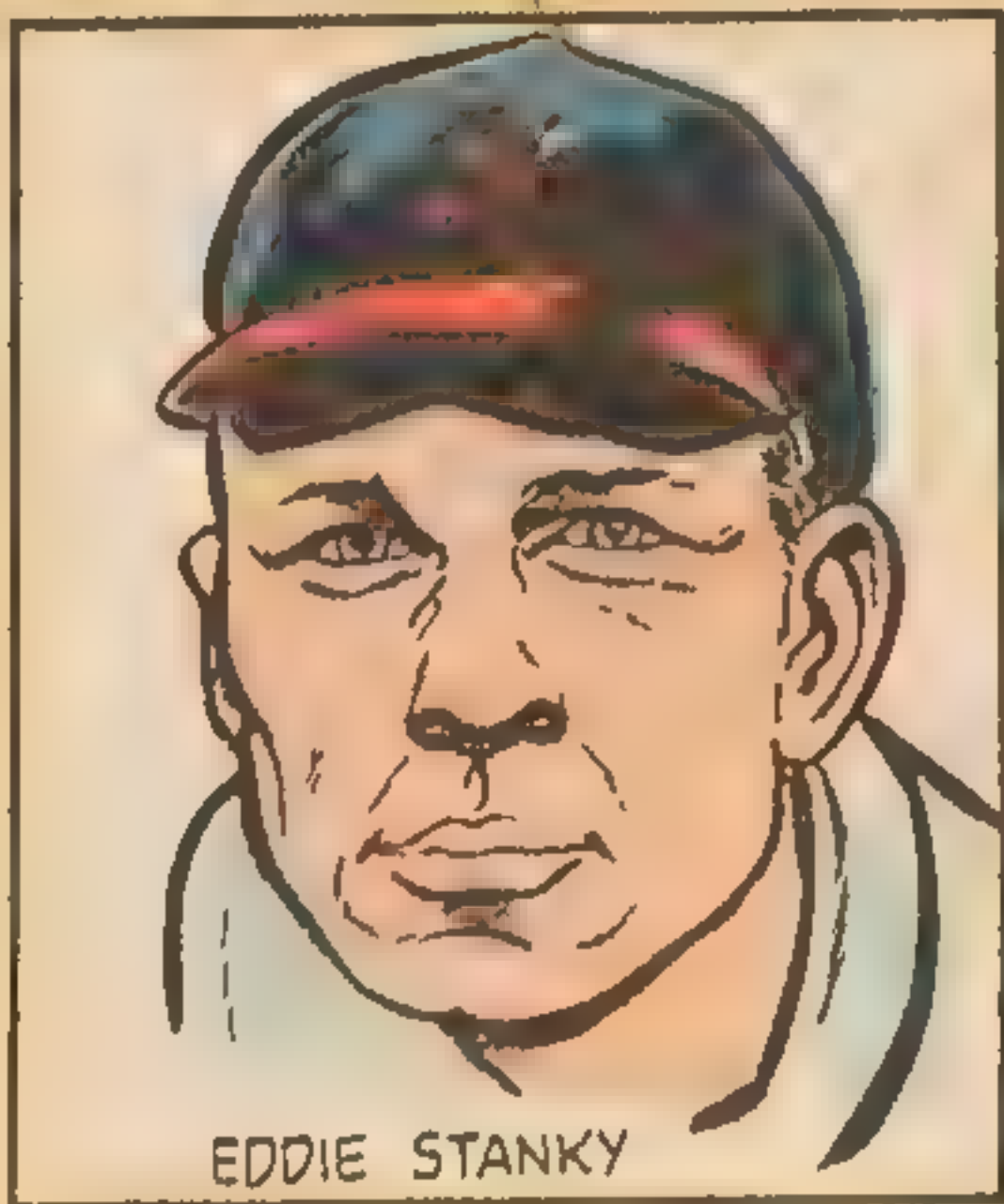
FIELDERS LIKE **SPEAKER, RUTH, MAYS, DIMAGGIO, SNIDER** AND OTHERS, ARE OFF WITH THE CRACK OF THE BAT—KNOWING ALMOST BY INSTINCT WHERE THE BALL WILL GO...



THEY MAKE IT LOOK EASY, BUT THEY CAN MAKE IT LOOK EASY ONLY BECAUSE THEY PRACTICE AT THEIR TRADE, EVERY DAY! YOU PRACTICE TOO—AND MAYBE YOU WILL BE PATROLLING THE OUTFIELD FOR A BIG LEAGUE TEAM SOME DAY!



IT'S IN THE CARDS FOR '53



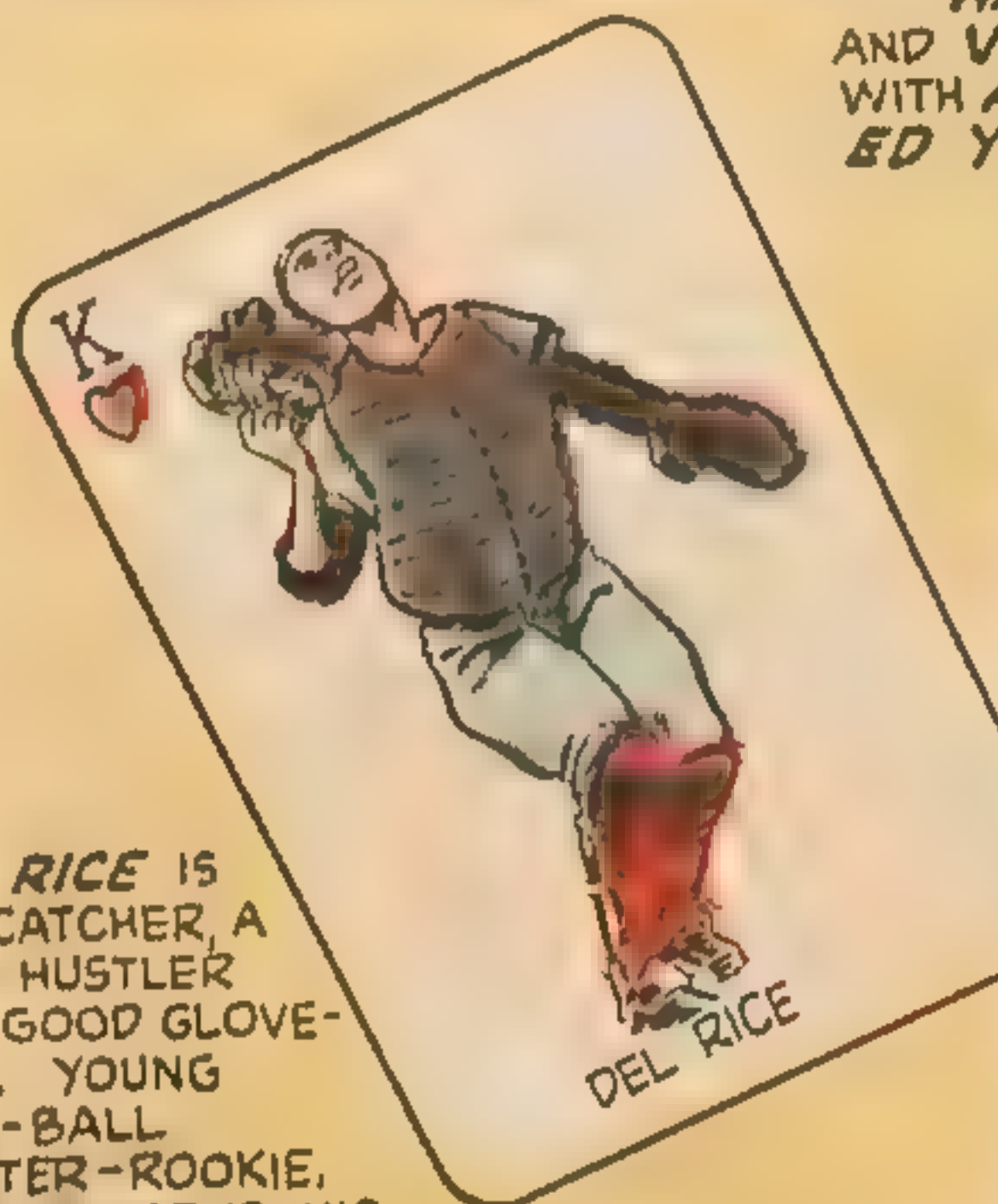
EDDIE STANKY

CARDINAL MANAGER EDDIE STANKY
SITS IN ON THE 1953 PENNANT RACE
WITH A FULL HOUSE OF
ASSORTED
STAR BALLPLAYERS—

HE HAS FIVE GOOD
YOUNG PITCHERS:
GERRY STALEY,
STU MILLER,
HARVEY HADDIX,
AND **VINEGAR MIZELL,**
WITH **AL BRAZLE** AND
ED YUHAS IN THE BULLPEN.



HARVEY HADDIX



DEL RICE

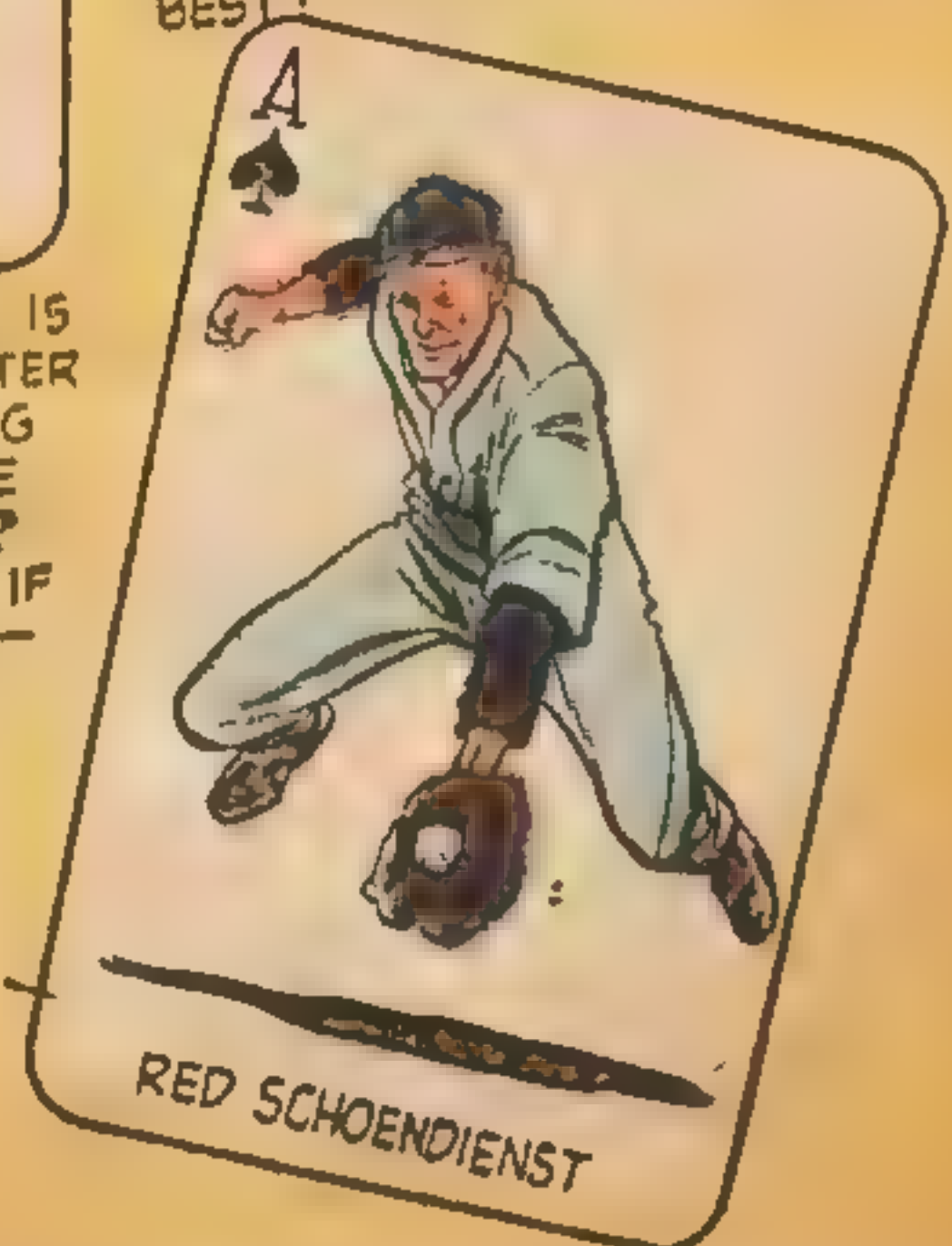
DEL RICE IS
HIS CATCHER, A
REAL HUSTLER
AND GOOD GLOVE-
MAN. YOUNG
LONG-BALL
CLOUTER-ROOKIE,
DICK RAND IS HIS
SUBSTITUTE,



STAN MUSIAL

STAN (THE MAN) MUSIAL IS
THE GREATEST STAR AND HITTER
IN THE GAME TODAY. FLANKING
HIM IN THE OUTFIELD WILL BE
VETERAN **ENOS SLAUGHTER**
AND ROOKIE **REPULSKI**. IF
REPULSKI COMES THROUGH—
WHAT AN OUTFIELD!

HIS INFIELD IS **DICK SISLER**
AT FIRST, A PROVEN PLAYER,
THE BRILLIANT **RED**
SCHOENDIENST, AT SECOND,
SOLLY HEMUS AT SHORT AND
ROOKIE **RAY JABLONSKI** AT
THE HOT CORNER. AGAIN, IF A
ROOKIE COMES THROUGH—HIS
INFIELD WILL BE ONE OF THE
BEST!



RED SCHOENDIENST



ENOS SLAUGHTER

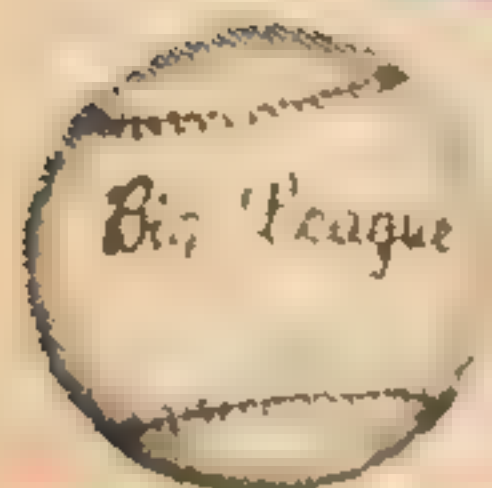
THE PEPPERPOT MANAGER WILL
KEEP TEAM SPIRIT HIGH. HE WILL
LIGHT A FIRE UNDER HIS TEAM—
AND THAT FIRE MAY WELL POWER
THEM TO THEIR FIRST PENNANT
IN THE FIFTIES!

CAN THE CARDS DO IT? THEIR PITCHING COULD
EASILY BE SENSATIONAL! IF THEIR ROOKIES—
RAND, REPULSKI AND JABLONSKI COME THROUGH
IN MAJOR LEAGUE STYLE—THESE CARDS MAY
TAKE THE PENNANT STAKES THIS YEAR!

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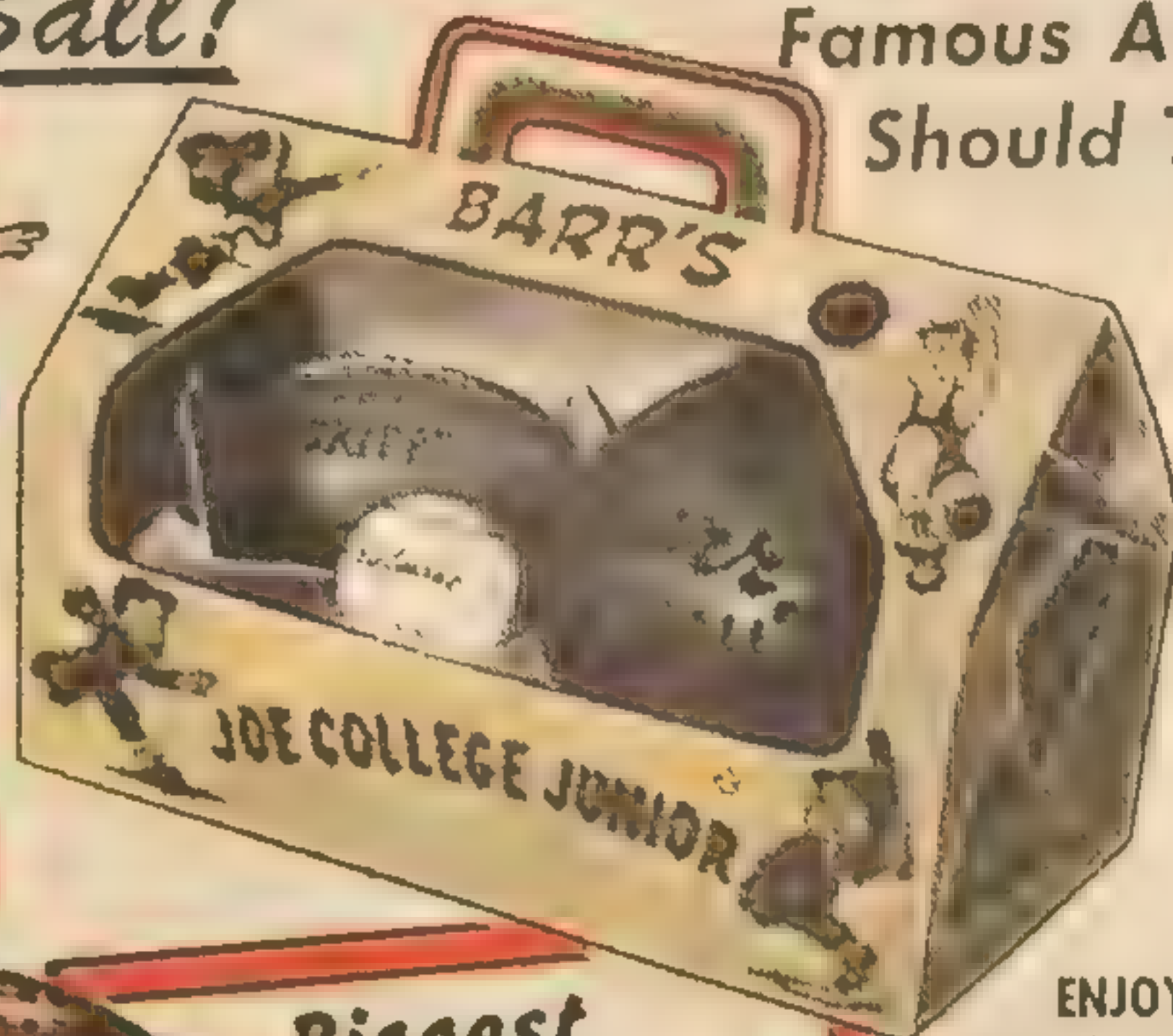
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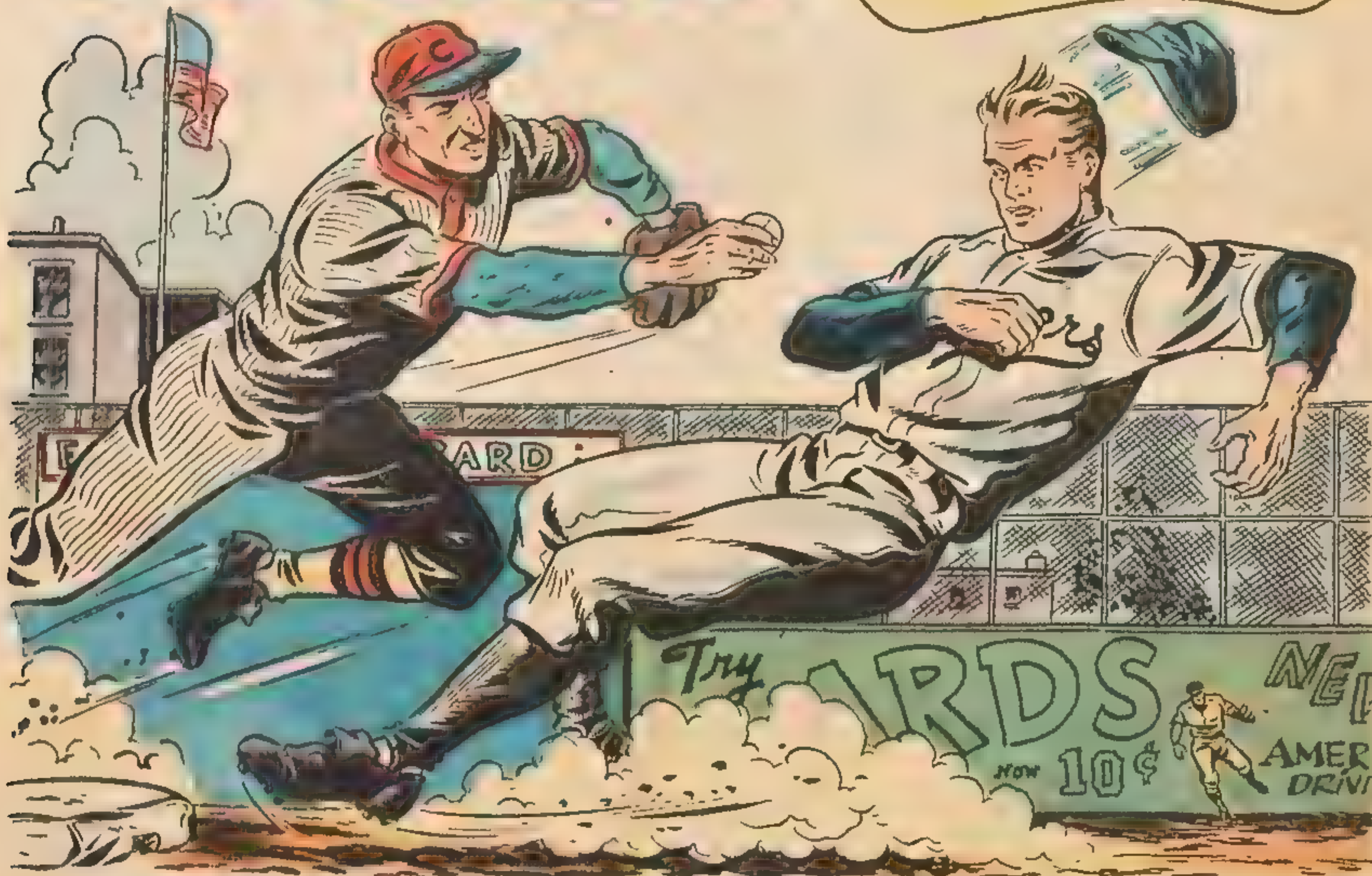
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THERE IS A NEW NAME IN THE DOODER BOX SCORE THESE DAYS. HUDSON, I.F., HE ISN'T A REGULAR YET BUT HE WILL BE. RIGHT NOW HE HAS SOME MORE TO LEARN ABOUT THIS GREAT GAME OF BASEBALL, BUT HE GETS INTO ENOUGH GAMES TO WHET HIS APPETITE FOR MORE.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WHAT MADE HIM INTO A BIG LEAGUER? WOULD YOU HAVE THE SAME CHANCE AS DAVE? DECIDE FOR YOURSELF AS WE TAKE YOU ALONG HIS PATH...



IT WAS AN EMBARRASSING DAY FOR DAVE WHEN HE ACCEPTED HIS PAL JOHNNY'S INVITATION TO PLAY WITH JOHNNY'S SANDLOT TERRIERS...

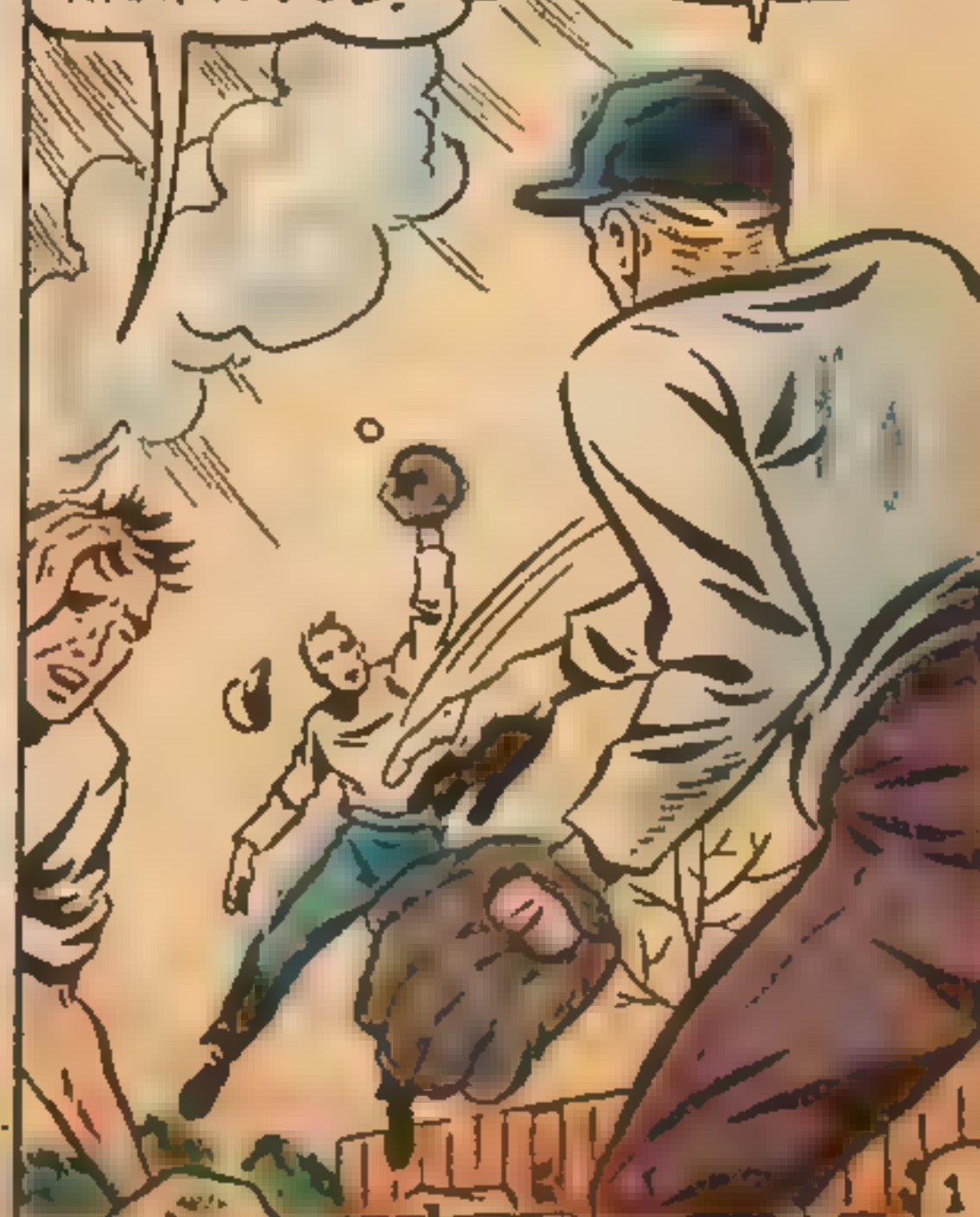


HEY, BUTTERFINGERS! FIELD IT WITH YOUR CHEST NEXT TIME!



WILD THROW! HOLY MACKEREL!!! WHAT A DUB!

IT-IT S-SLIPPED!



A KINDLY-EYED MAN HAD BEEN WATCHING THE GAME, AS DAVE BENT TO PICK UP HIS SNEAKER AFTER THE GAME...

EVER THOUGHT OF PLAYING PROFESSIONAL BALL, YOUNGSTER?

HUH? WHAT? LOOK, MISTER- I FEEL BADLY ENOUGH ABOUT STRIKING OUT THREE TIMES AND MAKING FOUR ERRORS. DON'T RUB IT IN!

BUT YOU ARE FAST, VERY FAST, AND YOUR ARM IS STRONG. YOU TAKE A GOOD CLT AT THE BALL. SO YOU MISSED! EVEN BABE RUTH STRUCK OUT!

I GUESS YOU MEAN WELL, BUT THOSE KIND WORDS DON'T CHEER ME UP, MISTER!

THEN MAYBE THIS WILL CHEER YOU! IT'S A CONTRACT TO PLAY FOR ONE OF BROOKLYN'S FARM TEAMS. GET YOUR FOLKS TO SIGN IT, AND YOU START WORKING FOR THE PODDERS!

SOME HOURS LATER...

I'M A PRO! GOLLY!

YOU SEE, MR. HUDSON, WE LOOK FOR TALENT IN THE ROUGH. WE DON'T EXPECT POLISHED PERFORMERS WITHOUT COACHING. WE TEACH THE BOYS... IF THEY HAVE WHAT WE WANT!

OUR PROSPECT MUST BE ABLE TO RUN FAST. HE MUST HAVE A GOOD ARM. HE MUST HAVE POWER. DAVE IS BIG AND FAST, THE ONE TIME HE DID HIT THE BALL HE WALLOPED IT A MILE... ONLY IT WAS CAUGHT!

SO IF YOU SEE ANY OTHER YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE DISCOURAGED, TELL THEM FOR ME THAT IF THEY CAN RUN AND THROW, THEY HAVE A GOOD CHANCE.

I WILL, SIR. AND... THANK YOU!

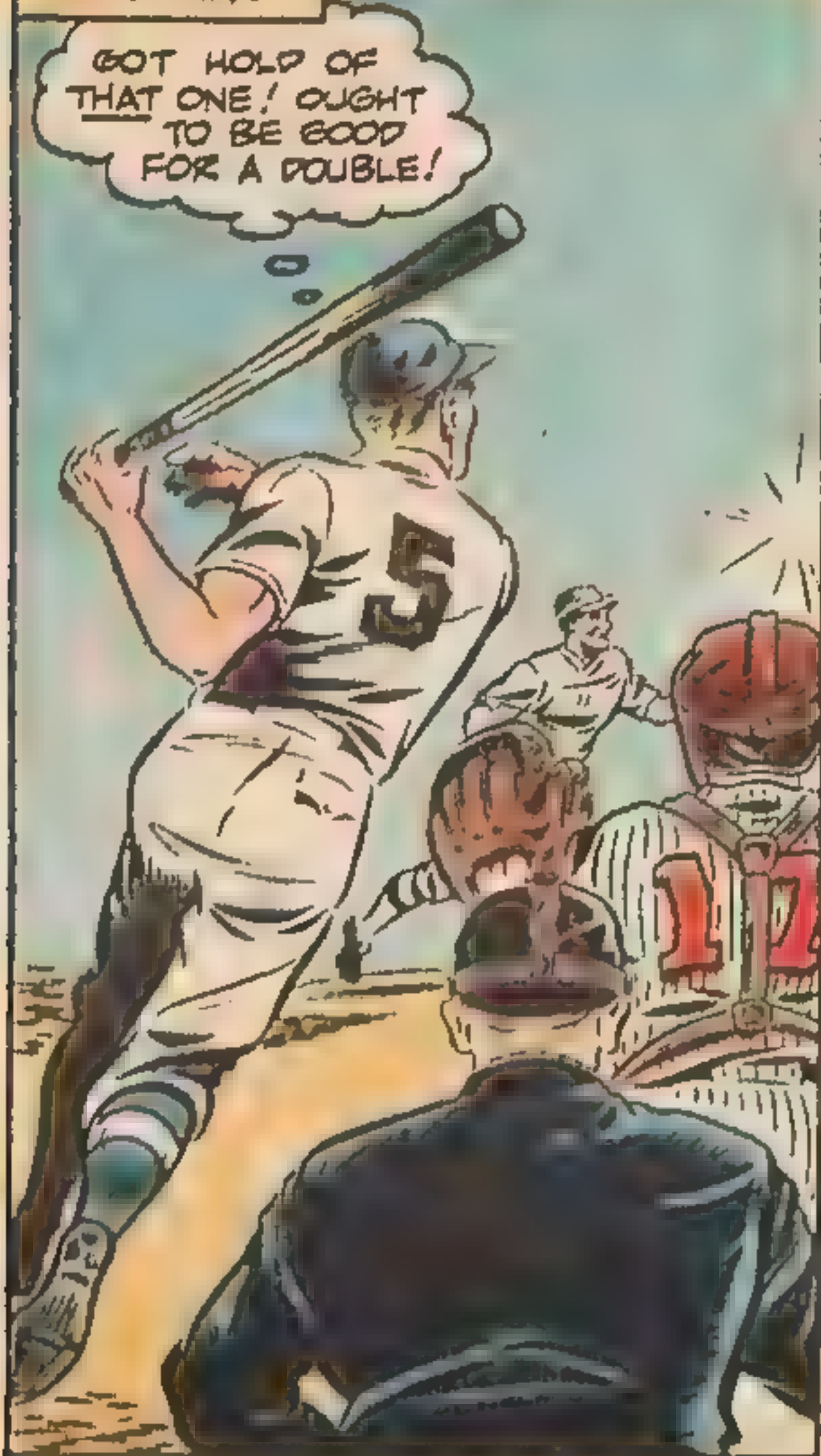
I'LL JOIN DANVILLE AS SOON AS SCHOOL IS OUT!

THE DAYS DRAGGED ALL THAT SPRING FOR YOUNG DAVE, YET ONE DAY HE FOUND HIMSELF IN ILLINOIS, PUTTING ON A BASEBALL UNIFORM...

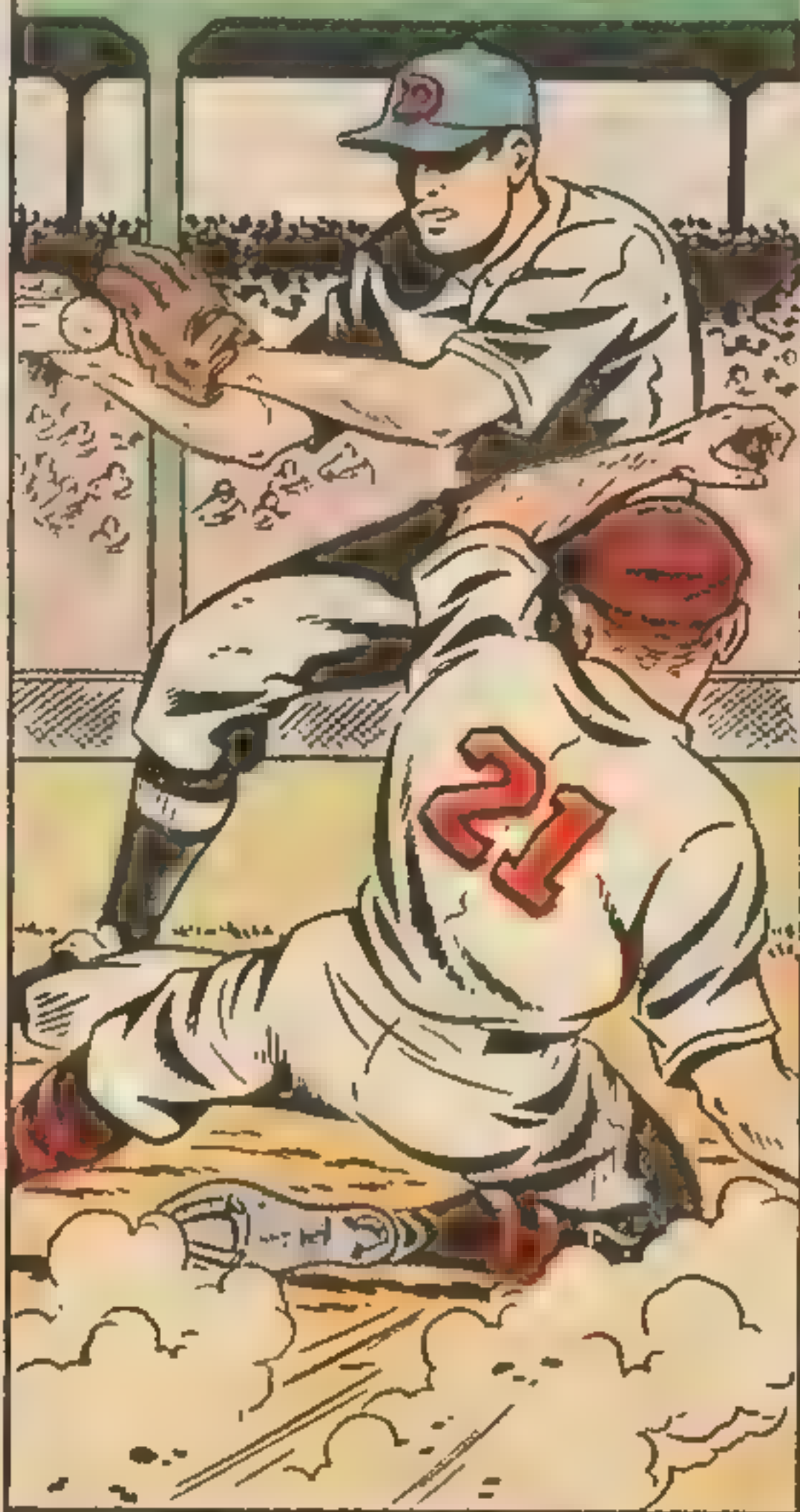
G-GOLLY!

FOR THREE DAYS, DAVE TOOK INFIELD PRACTICE WITH THE TEAM. ON THE FOURTH DAY, HE WAS SENT IN TO PINCH-HIT!

GOT HOLD OF THAT ONE! OUGHT TO BE GOOD FOR A DOUBLE!

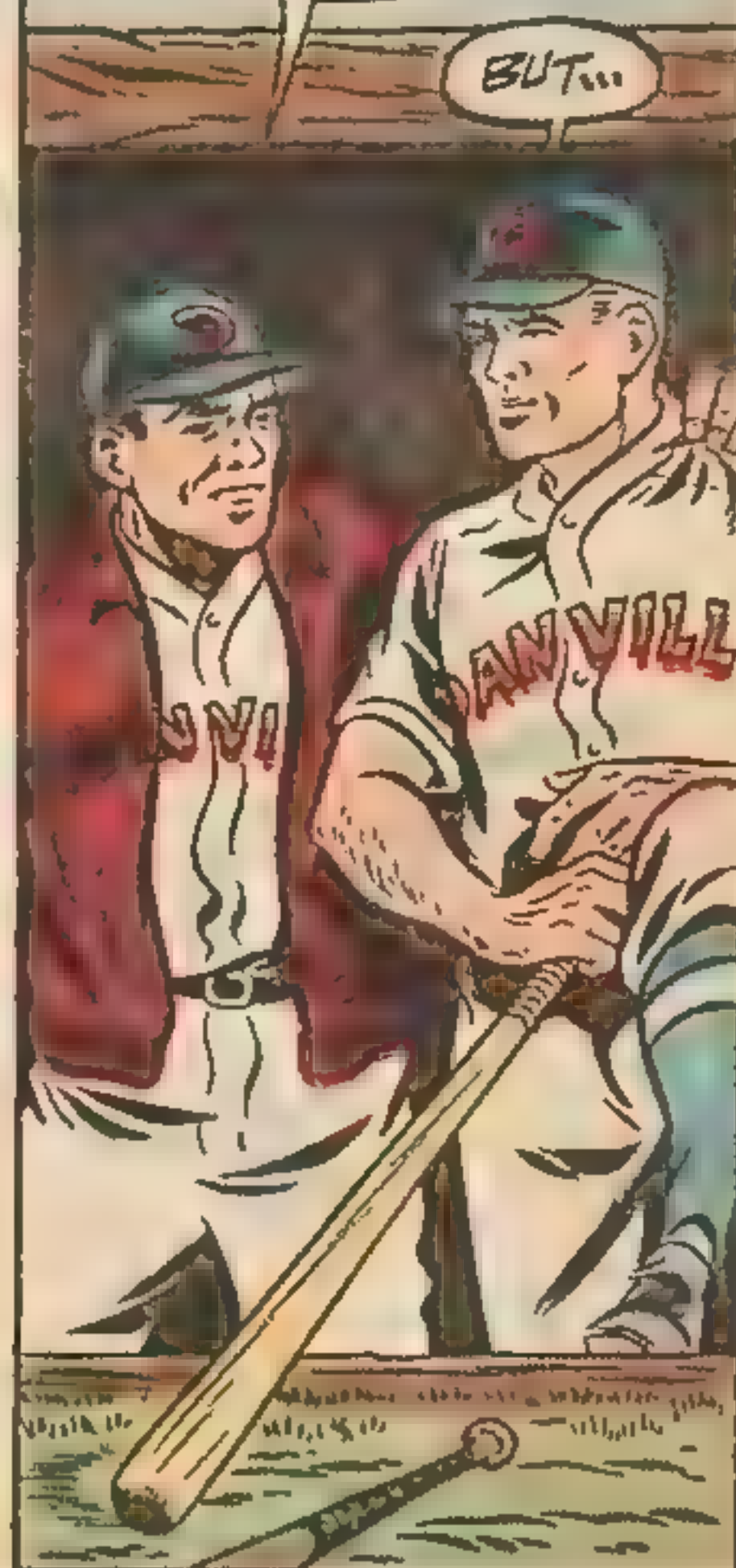


GRADUALLY, DAVE WAS WORKED INTO THE LINE-UP. SOMETIMES, IN A GAME IRRETRIEVABLY LOST, HE FILLED IN AT THIRD...



WE'RE GOING INTO THE PLAYOFFS NEXT WEEK, DAVE. THE SEASON IS ALMOST OVER. I'M LETTING YOU GO HOME TO WORK FOR NEXT YEAR...

BUT...



YOU'RE ONLY SEVENTEEN. WORK HARD THIS WINTER. DEVELOP YOUR MUSCLES. NEXT SPRING AT VERO BEACH, YOU'LL GET AN INTENSIVE COURSE OF TRAINING. I WANT YOU TO BE IN SHAPE FOR IT!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, SIR!



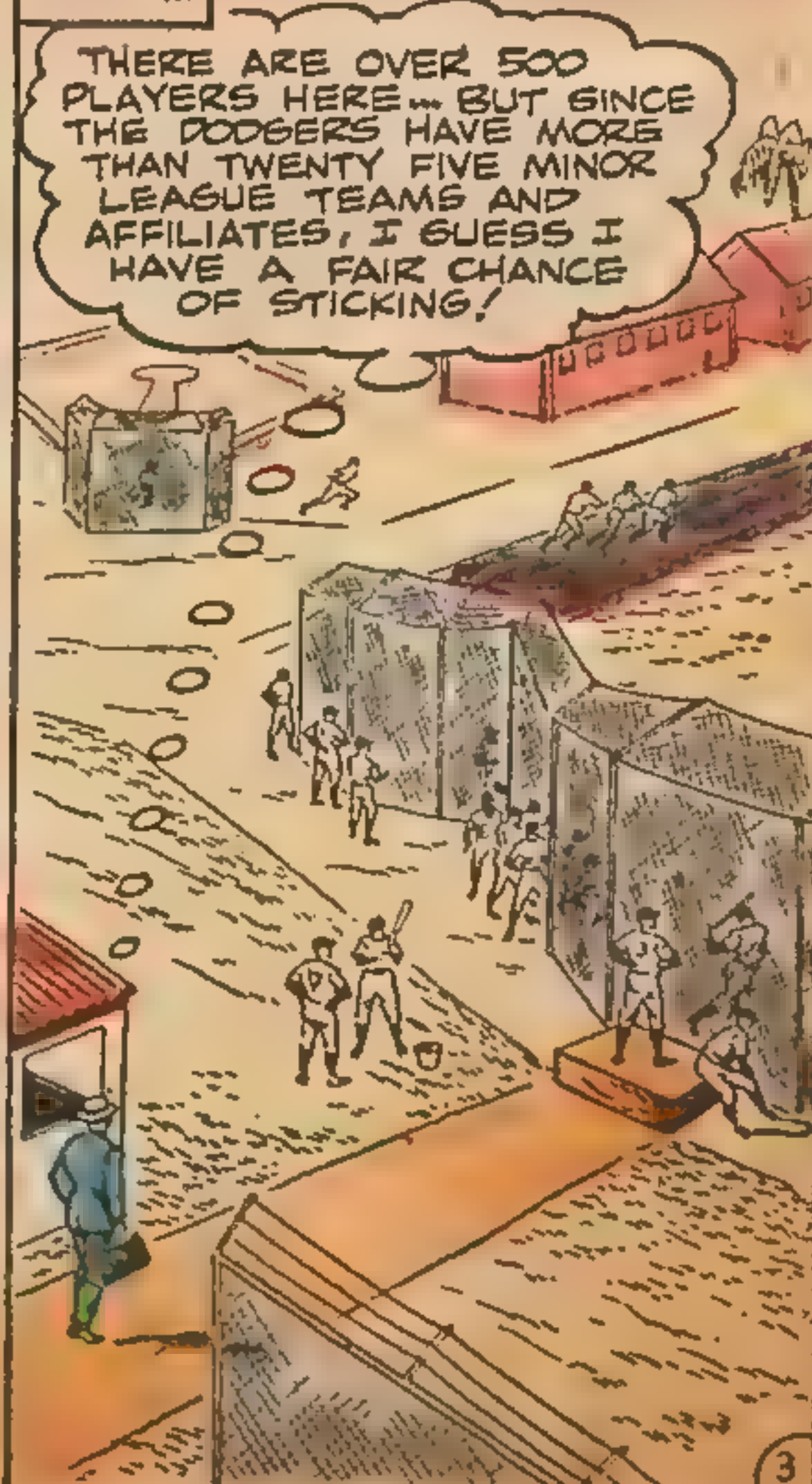
ALL THAT WINTER, DAVE LUGGED HEAVY OFFICE FURNITURE AROUND...

AFTER A SOLID DAY OF THIS, I'M SO TIRED I CAN'T GO OUT AT NIGHT.



WHEN THE ROBINS FLEW NORTH, DAVE WENT SOUTH. HE FOUND VERO BEACH A BASEBALL WONDERLAND...

THERE ARE OVER 500 PLAYERS HERE... BUT SINCE THE DODGERS HAVE MORE THAN TWENTY FIVE MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS AND AFFILIATES, I GUESS I HAVE A FAIR CHANCE OF STICKING!



UP EARLY, THEN A SESSION IN THE SLIDING PITS, AT THE BATTING TEE, AND FIELDING PRACTICE. DAY AFTER DAY, DAVE LEARNS FROM CAPABLE INSTRUCTORS.

ON YOUR BACK! HIT THE DIRT ON YOUR BACK!

NOT LOW ENOUGH!

LENGTHEN THAT STRIDE, SON. THAT WAY YOU'LL GET MORE POWER IN YOUR SWING!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO THIS, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME NEW TRICK TO LEARN...



IN EARLY APRIL, DAVE LEFT DODGERTOWN WITH HIS NEW CLUB, THE SHEBOYGAN CLUB OF THE WISCONSIN STATE LEAGUE. HE WAS THE REGULAR 'HOT CORNER' GUARDIAN.



PLAYING REGULARLY, DAVE WAS SOON SHOWING THE RESULTS OF HIS EARLY SPRING TRAINING. HIS BATTING WAS POWERFUL!

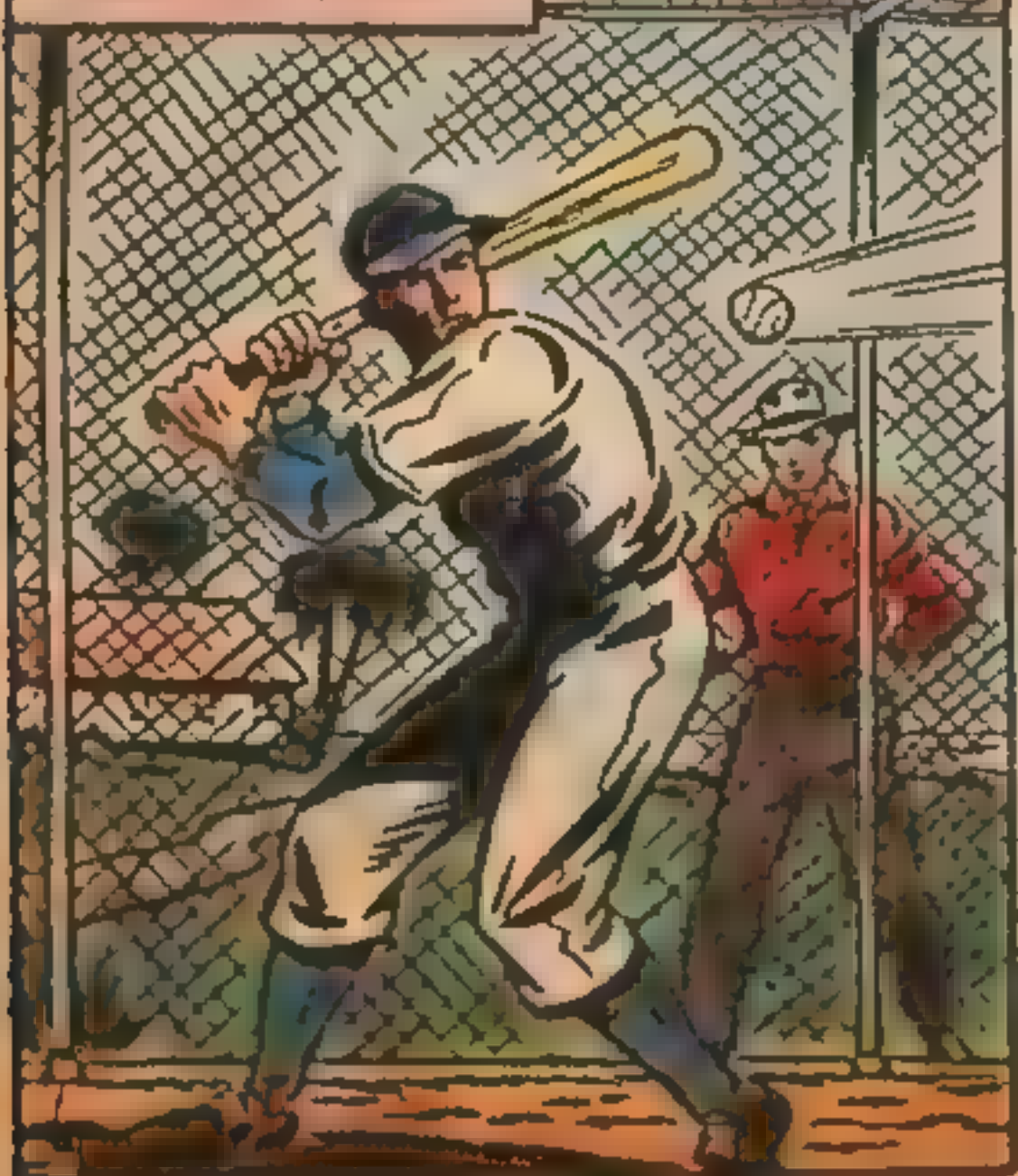


NOW 18 YEARS OLD, DAVE FINISHED THE SEASON WITH A .343 BATTING AVERAGE. IN FIELDING, HE LED HIS LEAGUE'S THIRD BASEMEN...

NEXT YEAR IT'LL BE A HIGHER LEAGUE FOR YOU, DAVE! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, AND YOU'LL BE IN EBBETS FIELD BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



NEXT SPRING, DAVE AGAIN REPORTED TO VERO BEACH, WHERE AGAIN HIS FLAWS WERE SPOTTED, AND WAS GIVEN CORRECTIVE INSTRUCTIONS...

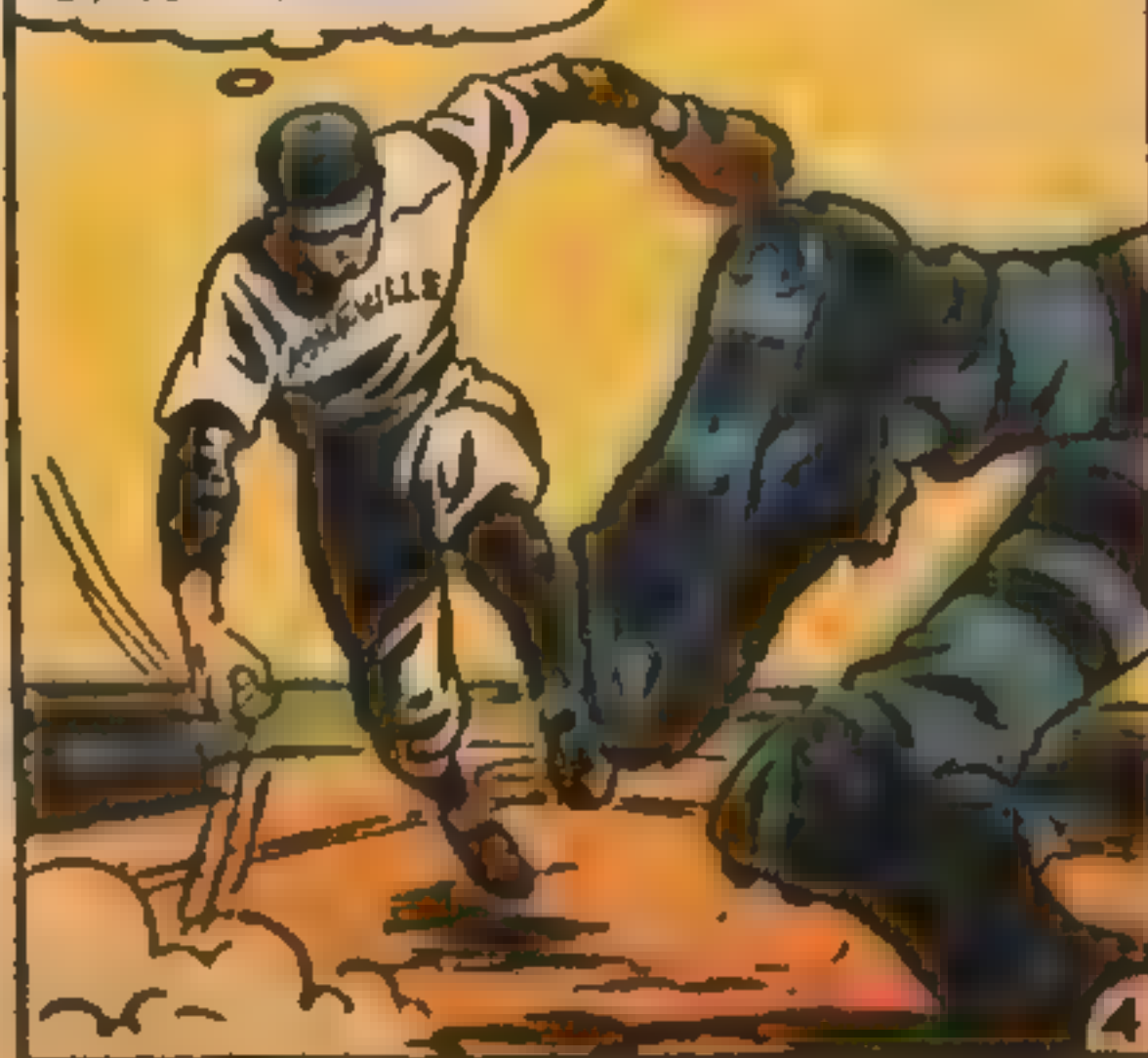


THE MANAGER OF A CLASS B FARM CLUB, ASHEVILLE, OF THE TRI-STATE LEAGUE, SPOTTED DAVE AND PUT IN A BID FOR HIM. AS A RESULT, DAVE SKIPPED THE CLASS C LEAGUE.



IN ASHEVILLE, DAVE AGAIN HIT WELL. HE SLAMMED THE BALL AT A .328 PACE, AND FIELDED HIS POSITION CAPABLY...

RUNNER IS FAST... GOT TO THROW UNDERHAND TO SAVE SECONDS!



ONE AFTERNOON...

DAVE, MONTREAL NEEDS AN INFIELD SUBSTITUTE. THE FRONT OFFICE HAS TABBED YOU FOR THE SPOT. YOU'RE MAKING A BIG JUMP, BUT YOU CAN DO IT!

I SURELY HOPE SO, SIR...

JUMPING INTO TOP MINOR LEAGUE COMPETITION WAS TOUGH ON DAVE. HE FOUND HIMSELF BATTING AGAINST GOOD CURVE BALL PITCHERS AND HIS HITTING SLUMPED OFF!

UHH! THESE PITCHERS SURE HAVE GOT MY NUMBER!

STR-IKE THU-REE!

DAVE TOOK TO BROODING. HIS FIELDING SHOWED HIS WORRY. HE BOBBLED EASY GROUNDERS, WAS SLOW AT COMING IN ON BUNTS...

BUTTERFINGERS! OH, YOU BUTTERFINGERS!

MY SECOND ERROR IN THIS GAME. I'LL GO BACK TO ASHEVILLE IN A HURRY!

COME OUT FOR BATTING PRACTICE TOMORROW MORNING, DAVE. I'M GOING TO HAVE A PITCHER FEED YOU CURVES UNTIL YOU CAN HIT 'EM BLINDFOLDED...

OKAY, COACH...

WITH DAILY PRACTICE, DAVE IMPROVED. SOON HE WAS BELTING INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHING WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY...

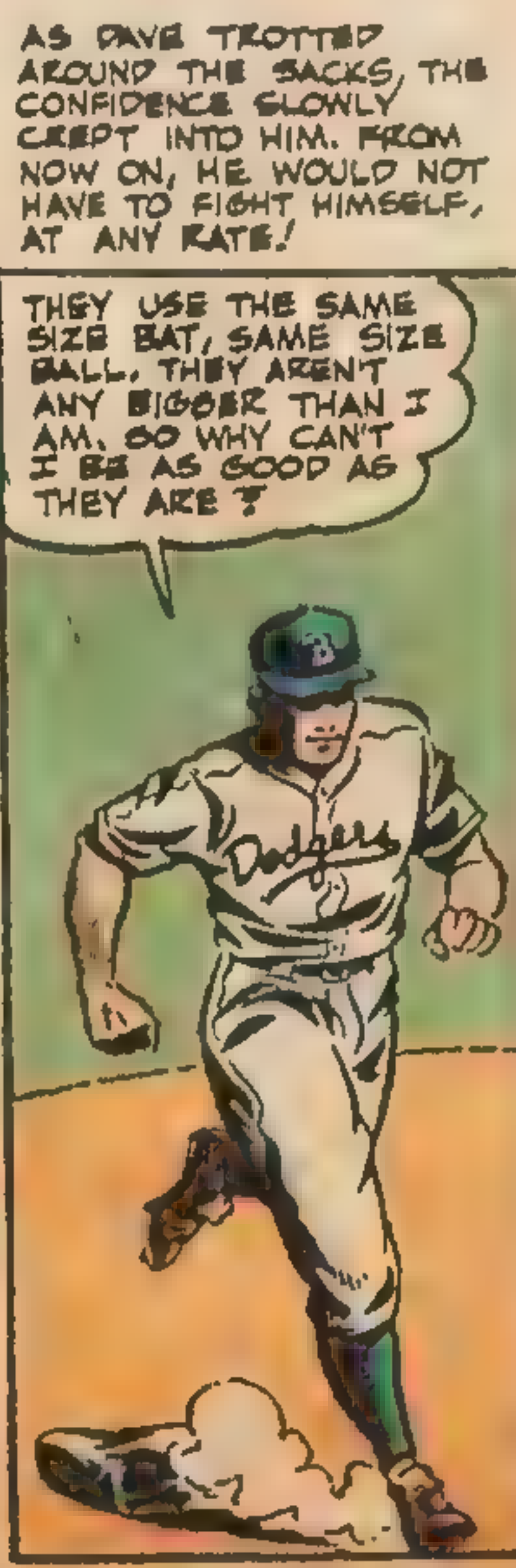
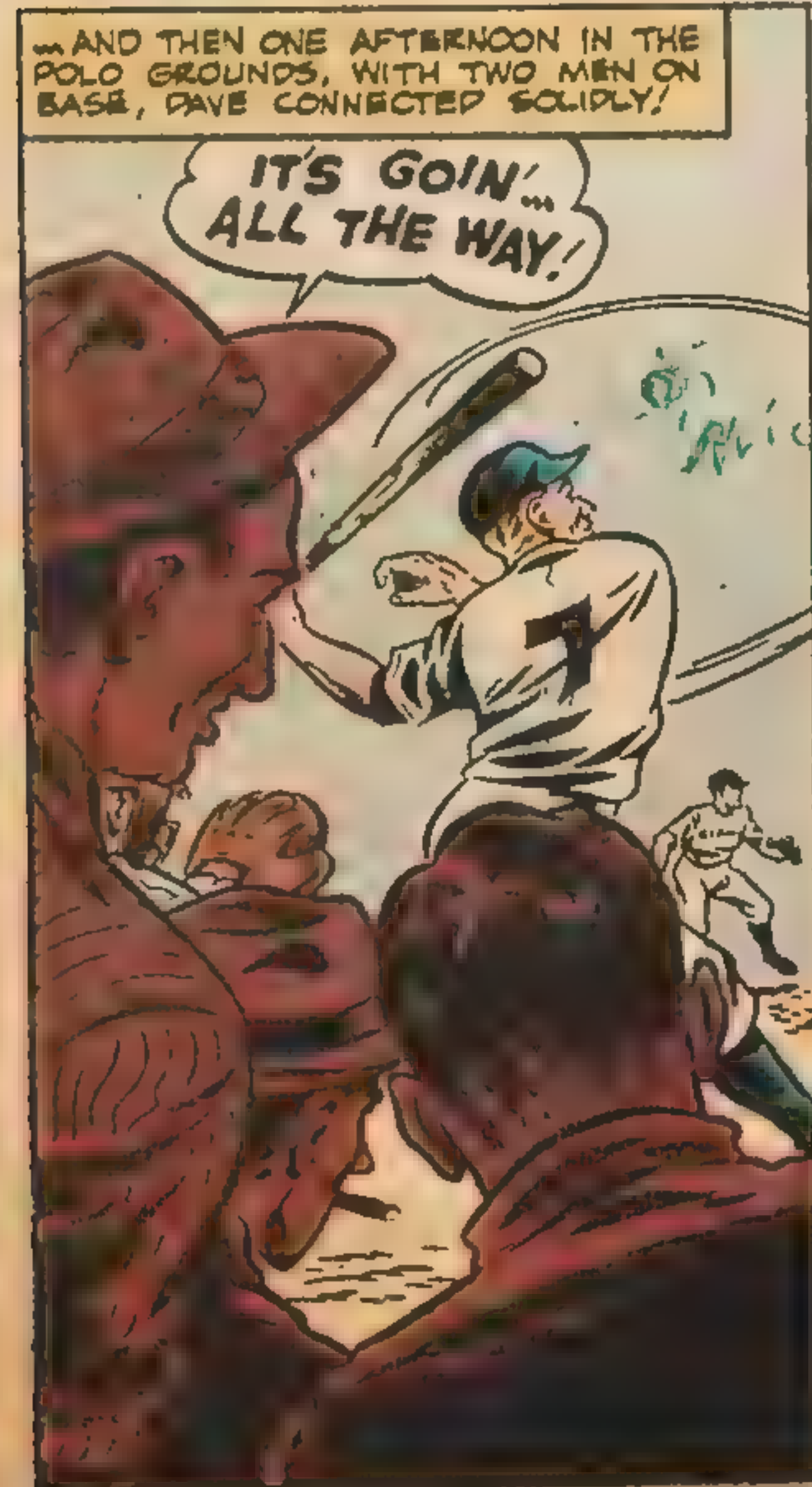
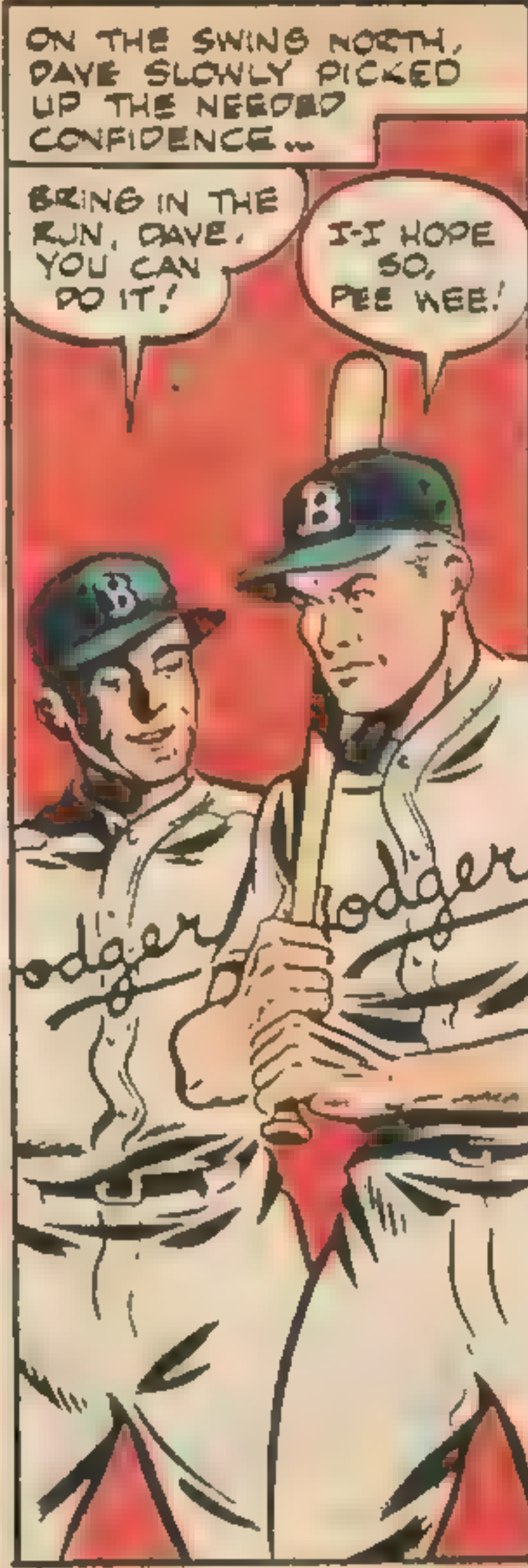
IT'S OFF THE WALL! KEEP RUNNING! IT'S OFF THE WALL!

DAVE FINISHED THAT SEASON AT MONTREAL HITTING .289... IT WAS NOT A GREAT MARK, BUT MOST OF HIS HITTING HAD BEEN DONE AT THE TAG END OF THE YEAR. BY THE TIME THE SPRING TRAINING CAMPS OPENED, DAVE WAS ON THE ROSTER OF THE PARENT DODGERS FOR A TRYOUT...

THE COMPETITION FOR A BIG LEAGUE BERTH IS GRIM. DAVE DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS SHAKY, NERVOUS. HE SWUNG AT BAD BALLS AND FLUFFED GOOD ONES...

THAT ONE CUT THE PLATE, I SHOULD'VE OFFERED AT IT! GUESS I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR BIG TIME!

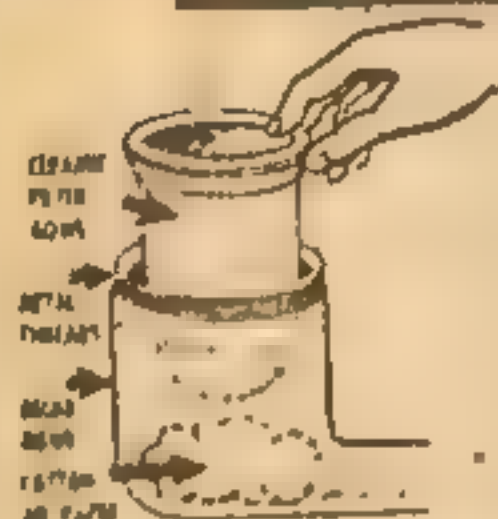
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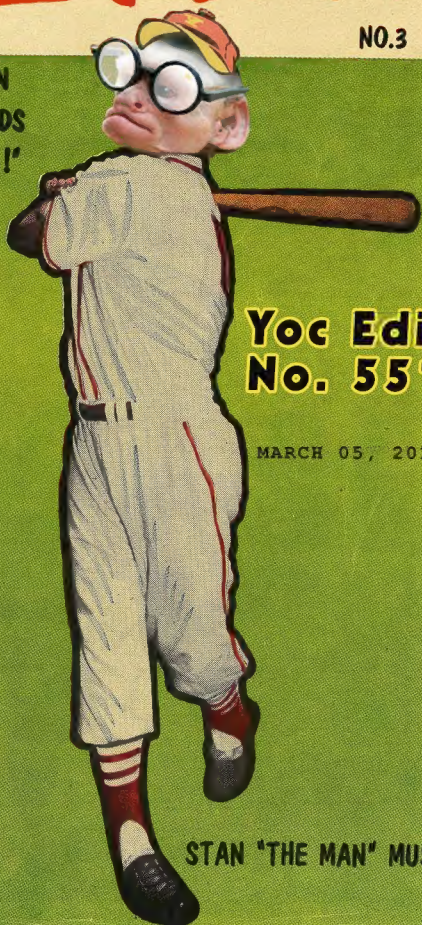
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